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## PREFACE.

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THE contents of this volume first appeared in **THE AMERICAN RURAL HOME**, under the name of "Our Congress Club."

After the friendly greeting given the author's **AMERICAN MANUAL OF PARLIAMENTARY LAW**, the repeated requests for the publication of this work in book form could not well be refused. The increasing interest in Parliamentary Law would seem to warrant the presentation of the subject in a form adapted to the school, the club, and the fireside, as well as in a form for ready reference.

The author feels that his efforts will not have been in vain if they serve to awaken additional interest in that science which lies at the very foundation of republican government, and which has done so much and is destined to do more to induce man to beat his swords into ploughshares and his spears into pruning-hooks.

*Rochester, N. Y., 1888.*



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| 2. Master WILLIE REDDY. | 13. C. J. ELLSWORTH.     |
| 3. A. G. CLEARHEAD.     | 14. R. A. WHITE.         |
| 4. E. M. MAKEPEACE.     | 15. SAM'L D. RICHARDSON. |
| 5. R. D. FROST.         | 16. MILTON H. DUTCHER.   |
| 6. S. M. SLOMAN.        | 17. L. C. CULVER.        |
| 7. N. R. FIRMAN.        | 18. Mrs. C. E. REDDY.    |
| 8. L. J. GOODENOUGH.    | 19. Miss FANNIE WHITNEY. |
| 9. CHARLIE G. FORCE.    | 20. Miss JENNIE CULVER.  |
| 10. J. W. KNIGHT.       | 21. WALTER MAYO.         |
| 11. JOHN E. WHITNEY.    | 22. SILAS SEYMOUR.       |

**A GUIDE**  
**TO THE**  
**CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**  
**BEING**  
**MODELS OF PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.**

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**I.**

**INTRODUCTORY.**

Among the multitude of school books for instruction in the various branches of practical knowledge, there appears to be no strictly elementary work on parliamentary law. The author proposes in the following formulas, to advance the student, young or old, step by step, from simple to complex forms of practice. By this gradation, students will be enabled to begin at a point to which their previous knowledge has led them, and to devote their time to the study of the part with which they are not familiar. All that the reader will be asked to commit to memory will be the names of preferred questions in the order of their precedence. It will be well for this to be done at the outset, as it will relieve the student of much embarrassment. They are as follows :

**PREFERRED QUESTIONS IN THE ORDER  
OF PRECEDENCE.**

**PRIVILEGED QUESTIONS.**

1. Fix the time for next Sitting.
2. Adjourn.
3. Subjects of Privilege (Questions of Privilege).
4. Special Orders (Orders of the Day).

## SUBSIDIARY QUESTIONS.

5. Lay on the Table.
6. Questions of Order and Appeal.
7. Close debate (Previous Question).

## 8. INCIDENTAL QUESTIONS.

## SUBSIDIARY QUESTIONS.

9. Postpone to a Stated Time.
10. Commit (Refer).
11. Amend.
12. Repress (Postpone Indefinitely).

Subjects of Privilege, Questions of Order, and Incidental Questions are all collective terms coming up in different forms.

For the purpose of drill, combining theory and practice, several should unite. Each provided with a copy of the formulas, should take a character, and all should go through with their parts carefully. If necessary, each may take two or more characters. It is well to repeat the same formulas with characters changed, until all are familiar with it. A regular system of changing characters should be adopted. This will afford each in turn an opportunity to preside, and also to keep the minutes. Both of these exercises will greatly assist the student. The Clerk should endeavor to keep the minutes—omitting speeches—without reference to the formula. Afterward the minutes and formula should be compared. Where forms of essays and debate occur, the student should substitute original matter. After sufficient progress is made, the class should extemporize their proceedings covering familiar ground, but it is better not to advance beyond the formulas which they have rehearsed. During such extemporized proceedings,

all should be on the alert. To each student we would say: Be critical, and be prompt to raise questions of order. Do not forget, however, that perfect composure and self-control, together with uniform courtesy, are the chief elements of success. Do not hesitate to take part. Speak, if you say but two words, and sit down. Next time you may be able to say more; but each time study to be composed. If students, young or old, will persevere with their meetings, each with a determination to take part, success will be the result. To keep up the interest, the same precision and formality must be observed as in the military or calisthenic drill. By common consent, certain informalities are permitted in assemblies, but these will be readily understood and practiced without drill.

The student should never carry his hypercritical practice outside of the drill room. He, who in ordinary assemblies constantly displays his knowledge by raising minor questions, usually has the credit of displaying all he possesses. It may also be observed that those who wield the most influence are not those who speak the most frequently.

THE GOLDEN RULE of Parliamentary law is: Be not captious in the enforcement of rules upon others, but submit cheerfully to their strict application to yourself.

## II.

### CALL FOR MEETING.

*Place, Highway Near Cherry Hill School.*

*Enter, Willie Reddy and Charlie Force.*

*Willie.* "Charlie, I'm going to learn parliamentary law. Don't you want to?"

*Charlie.* "Learn w-h-a-t?"

*Willie.* "Parliamentary law. It will be lots of fun, and besides, it will be useful all our lives. Pa says so. Will you?"

*Charlie.* "No; I'm not going to be a lawyer. I'm going to be a farmer."

*Willie.* "O, you havn't got to be a lawyer, and study law. Parliamentary law teaches how to conduct meetings of any kind. How to make motions, and how to vote, and when to speak, and all that."

*Charlie.* "What use is that to a farmer?"

*Willie.* "Aren't you going to be a Granger?"

*Charlie.* "Course I am. I'm going to keep up with the times, too."

*Willie.* "Well, I heard Mr. Smith say that when he was elected Master of the Grange, he knew nothing about presiding, and that he made lots of mistakes at first. He said he learned the ritual easily enough, but the members got him all mixed up on motions. Wouldn't you like to know about it before you join?"

*Charlie.* "Course I would. But why does it have such a long name?"

*Willie.* "Why, you know what the English Parliament is? It's something like our United States Congress. Pa told us about it. He said: The rules which govern meetings are called Parliamentary law, because they were first used in Parliament. In practice, those rules have been changed somewhat by Congress, but they still keep the old name."

*Charlie.* "Now I understand. But how are you going to learn about it?"

*Willie.* By reading a book called "A

Guide to the conduct of meetings.' By following the directions we may be our own teachers. Pa says we may have meetings once a week at our house, and that I may invite other children. If no one else comes, then just our family will hold meetings. He says we are not obliged to have any officers, except a President and a Secretary. Will you come?'

*Charlie.* "Course I will. When will you begin?'

*Willie.* "Next Saturday evening. Pa has shown me how to write a call, and I'm going to ask our teacher to read it in school, and explain it; then I'll pin it up. I wish you would sign it, too. I'll read it to you.'

#### NOTICE.

All persons interested in forming a class in Parliamentary law, are invited to attend a meeting to be held at "Maple Cottage," Unionville, on Saturday evening, December 26th, 1885, at half-past seven. Children of all ages, from seven to seventy years, are invited, and each is expected to be both a teacher and a pupil. WILLIE REDDY.

"We made the ages so as to take in pa and my little brother. Will you sign it."

*Charlie.* "Course I will. It will be fine."

### III.

#### PRELIMINARY MEETING.

*Place,* "Maple Cottage."

*Time,* Dec. 26th, 7:30 P. M., 1885.

*Characters:*—(1.) Col. Reddy; (2.) Master Reddy; and Messrs. (3.) Clearhead; (4.) Makepeace; (5.) Frost; (6.) Sloman; (7.) Firman; (8.) Goodenough; (9.) Force; (10.) Knight.

*Note.* In the colloquy, words in *italics* are not to be read aloud.

*Willie Reddy.* —(*Rising.*) “Gentlemen, the hour named for this meeting has arrived. Will you nominate a Chairman?” (*Mr. Knight names Col. Reddy.*) All who want Col. Reddy as Chairman, will say ‘Aye.’ \* \* \* (*All respond.*) All who don’t, say ‘No.’ \* \* \* Col. Reddy is elected.”

*Col. Reddy.* —(*Rising.*) “Gentlemen, the object of the meeting is, as I understand it, the formation of an organization for the study of Parliamentary law. I suppose the younger members will be the most active. I cheerfully accept this position as a temporary officer, and will do what I can to assist you. What is your pleasure? Will you have a Secretary?”

*Mr. Goodenough.* —(*Rising.*) “Mr. Chairman, I nominate Mr. Knight for Secretary.”

*Chairman.* —(*Rising.*) “Gentlemen, Mr. Knight is nominated as Secretary. All who favor his election, will please say ‘Aye.’ \* \* \* Those opposed, ‘No.’ \* \* \* You have chosen Mr. Knight as your Secretary. Mr. Knight will please take a seat at the table, where he will find paper, pencils, etc. Gentlemen, what is your further pleasure?”

*Mr. Clearhead.* —(*Rising.*) “Mr. Chairman.”

*Chairman.* “Mr. Clearhead, gentlemen.”

*Mr. Clearhead.* “I move that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to report at our next meeting a plan of organization.”

*Mr. Reddy.* —(*Rising.*) “Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.”

*Chairman.* “It has been moved and



seconded that the Chair appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to report at our next meeting a plan of organization. Are there any remarks to be made?"

*Mr. Clearhead.*—(*Rising.*) "Mr. Chairman."

*Chairman.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "The object of the motion was to have something in a definite form before the meeting. I trust gentlemen present will express their minds. For one, I am heartily in favor of the object for which this meeting was called. I think, however, it might be made a little broader, and include the purposes of a literary and debating club. We might discuss topics of interest to all, such as sanitary questions, political economy, finance, tariff, etc."

*Chairman.* "Any further remarks? Mr. Makepeace, will you give us your views?"

*Mr. Makepeace.*—(*Rising.*)—"Mr. Chairman, the motion meets my approval. I have often desired to know more of Parliamentary law. I once belonged to a debating society, which broke up, chiefly because we did not understand the best method of conducting it. There is always one right way of doing a thing, and many wrong ways. When we are ignorant, we are quite likely to adopt a wrong way. I have heard it truly remarked that the arena has given way to the forum. I have observed with pleasure that not unfrequently national disputes are settled by arbitration. The adjustment of difficulties between Great Britain and our own country furnishes a conspicuous example. I trust the time will come when we shall have an International Congress, which, together with extended commerce,

shall so unite the people of the whole world, that all difficulties may be settled without recourse to war. We are told, that in order to be a successful parliamentarian, a person must have full government of himself. He who loses his temper must fail, in a great measure, in his attempt to influence others. The greatest of all personal achievements is to govern oneself. Free discussion is a great safety valve. Had it been permitted throughout the entire country, neither slavery, nor the war of the rebellion could have been so long maintained. For one, I should be pleased to hear from Mr. Firman."

*Chairman.* "Mr. Firman, you are called for."

*Mr. Firman.*—(*Rising.*) "Mr. Chairman, my sentiments have already been expressed. I agree most fully with the remarks just made. You may depend upon it, I will aid this project all I can."

*Chairman.* "Mr. Goodenough, shall we hear from you?"

*Mr. Goodenough.* "I have nothing to add to what has already been said."

*Chairman.* "Mr. Frost?"

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. Chairman, the maxim is: 'Old men for counsel, and young men for war.' For one, I should like to hear from our Chairman."

*Chairman.*—(*Rising.*) "Although it is not strictly parliamentary for a chairman to engage in debate on a pending question, since you have called upon me, you will perhaps permit a little informality, as we are not fully organized. It affords me pleasure to see and to assist young people engaging in the pursuit of useful knowledge. None of us should feel

that we are too old to learn, but, that which is learned in youth is much more perfectly retained through life. I have often wondered that in a republic, like ours, where the people are sovereigns, and where so much intelligence abounds, parliamentary law should be so little understood. Indeed, it seems to be the exception, when we see the business of a convention transacted in accordance with parliamentary law. The tendency is, however, toward improvement. Modern works on the subject are much better adapted to the wants of the student than those formerly in use: so, he who would keep pace with the times, must inform himself. In this age of the world, we have not only national, state and local legislatures, but we have conventions for almost every conceivable object. Nearly every important business or trade has its conventions. Then there are political, religious, moral and sanitary conventions. Every intelligent person is liable to be called upon to preside at some kind of a meeting. The right to vote in a country like ours, is attended with duties. It is the duty of every voter to attend habitually his party caucus. The neglect to do this by well-meaning people, is one great cause of the election of inefficient and dishonest officials. Their selection is often left to unscrupulous politicians. One reason honest people shun the caucuses is because they are unacquainted with the proper method of conducting the business of an assembly, so that, at many of the primary meetings, trickery and bluster carry the day against the wishes of the well-disposed. It may be laid down as a self-evident proposition that an enduring republic must have as

its foundation a good public school system. I may safely add that one of the most important subjects to be taught in the schools of a republic, is parliamentary law. Yet it is wholly neglected. That we may have competent lawyers and doctors, we have our law and medical schools and colleges. For the various trades we have our schools of technology. For the instruction of aspirants for the ministry, we have our theological seminaries. To educate young people for business, we have our business colleges. Monarchical governments, whose strength lies in their standing armies, give the strictest attention to their drill and education in military tactics. If we desire to see the standing army fully supplanted in this country by the field of debate, should we not give more attention to drill in parliamentary than in military tactics?

“ Again, it is well known that most members of Congress exert but little influence in that body until they have been members for two or three terms. We have 401 members, which, at \$5,000 each per year for Representatives, and \$5,000 each per year for Senators, makes an annual expense to this country for members’ salaries, of over \$2,000,000. Add to this a large sum for mileage and other expenses, and it will be seen that it is a costly parliamentary school, considering the number of pupils educated. These, and other considerations lead me to say that if you would exercise a full measure of power in the community in which you dwell, make yourselves thoroughly acquainted by study and drill, with parliamentary law. ”

*Mr. Sloman.*—(*Rising.*) “ *Mr. Chairman.* ”

*Chairman.* "Mr. Sloman."

*Mr. Sloman.* "I have been an interested listener to all the proceedings this evening, and must say that the remarks of the last speaker deeply impressed me. I have never attached much importance to the subject before. I am now fully determined to do my part toward making this undertaking an entire success, and thus endeavor to prepare myself for the duties of citizenship in our grand republic."

*Mr. Knight.* — (*Rising.*) "Mr. Chairman."

*Chairman.* "Mr. Knight."

*Mr. Knight.* "I fully concur in all that has been said. Perhaps one of our number may yet be President of the United States. We surely ought to be prepared for such a possibility."

*Chairman.* "Are you ready to vote? (*Rising.*) The question is, shall a committee of three be appointed by the chair to present at our next meeting a plan of organization? All in favor say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* The motion prevails."

"The Chair will appoint as such committee, Mr. Clearhead, Mr. Makepeace and Willie Reddy. What is your further pleasure?"

*Mr. Makepeace.* — (*Rising.*) "Mr. Chairman."

*Chairman.* "Mr. Makepeace."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "I would inquire if steps have been taken to secure a regular place of meeting?"

*Chairman.* "You are welcome to meet here if this place suits you, or, meetings may be held at the different houses of members."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "I move that our next meeting be held at this place two weeks from this evening, at 7:30 o'clock."

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

*Chairman.* — (*Rising.*) "It has been moved and seconded that our next meeting be held at this place two weeks from this evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Are you ready to vote? \* \* \* All in favor of the motion please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* All opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. Chairman, before we separate I desire to express my satisfaction at the interest taken at our preliminary meeting. I feel for one like thanking our Chairman for his encouragement and substantial aid. I move that we now adjourn."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

*Chairman.* — (*Rising.*) "It is moved and seconded that we now adjourn. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* The motion prevails. Please invite your friends to attend our next meeting, and let each come prepared to take an active part. The meeting is adjourned." (*All remain in their places until the last declaration is made.*)

#### IV.

##### NOTICES TO COMMITTEE.

During the foregoing discussion, the Secretary anticipating the result, prepares three blanks like the following:

UNIONVILLE, Dec. 26, 1885.

To \_\_\_\_\_: At a preliminary meeting held this evening, for the purpose of

considering the subject of study and drill in Parliamentary Law, ———, ——— and ——— were appointed a committee to report a plan of organization at our next meeting, to be held at "Maple Cottage," on Saturday evening, Jan. 9th, 1886.

J. W. KNIGHT, Secretary.

As soon as the committee is named by the chair, the Secretary inserts their full names in each blank in the order of their appointment, and addressing a copy to each member of the committee, delivers them in person immediately after adjournment. The first member named on the committee at once calls the others together, and they agree to have a meeting at "Maple Cottage," on Monday evening, Dec. 28th, at 7:30 P. M.

## V.

### COMMITTEE MEETING

*Place*, "Maple Cottage."

*Time*, Dec. 28th, 7:30 P. M.

*Present*: Mr. Clearhead, Mr. Makepeace, Master Willie Reddy and (by invitation) Col. Reddy.

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Gentlemen, the time for our committee meeting having arrived, I will, for the purpose of organizing it, nominate Mr. Makepeace as Chairman. Those in favor please raise the right hand. (*Mr. Clearhead and Master Reddy vote.*) Those opposed make the same sign. (*Mr. Makepeace votes.*) It is carried."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Gentlemen, shall we have a Clerk?"

*Col. Reddy.*—(*In a whisper to his son.*) "Nominate Mr. Clearhead."

*Master Reddy.* "I nominate Mr. Clear head."

*Chairman.* "Mr. Clearhead is nominated. Those in favor will make it manifest. (*The Chairman and Master Reddy vote.*) Those opposed. \* \* \* Mr. Clearhead is elected."

*Chairman.* "Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "I understand the Col. and Willie have been preparing a form of constitution for our consideration. I would suggest that it now be read."

*Chairman.* "By all means let it be read."

*Master Reddy then reads his paper.*

*Col. Reddy.* "Permit me to suggest that the paper now be read item by item, or *seriatim*, as it is usually called. After each item is read, suggestions and alterations may be made, so that at the conclusion it may be adopted as a whole."

(*The paper is then read, as suggested. It is discussed informally and amended.*)

*Mr. Clearhead.* "I move the report be adopted as a whole."

*Chairman.* "Are you ready for the question on its adoption? Those in favor will say 'Aye.' It is unanimous."

*Chairman.* "I move the Clerk be instructed to present the report."

*Master Reddy.* "I second the motion."

*Chairman.* "Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "The Chairman usually makes the report."

*Chairman.* "And the one first named on a committee usually serves as Chairman, but this committee has exercised its right to



name its own servants. As Mr. Clearhead has kept the minutes he will be the proper person to report. \* \* Any further remarks? Those in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' It is carried. If there is nothing further the committee will now rise."

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## VI.

## ORGANIZATION.

*Place*, "Maple Cottage."

*Time*, 1886, Jan. 9th, 7:30 P. M.

*New Characters*:—Messrs. (11.) Whitney; (12.) Reynolds; (13.) Ellsworth; (14.) White; (15.) Richardson; (16.) Dutcher; (17.) Culver.

*Note*. The Chairman should rise to take the question except when the vote is counted, but if he prefers, he may read and state motions, sitting. Speakers are required to rise, except in cases of infirmity. To save space, it will hereafter be considered—unless otherwise stated—that all conform to this rule.

*Abbreviations*. Ch., Chairman; P., President. These titles, as well as names of persons, though abbreviated, should be read or spoken as though printed in full.

*Ch*. "The hour of meeting has arrived. The first business in order will be reading and approving the journal of proceedings."

*The Secretary rises and reads the minutes*.

*Ch*. "Is there any objection to the minutes as read. If not, they will stand approved. \* \* \* It is so ordered. What is your pleasure?"

*Mr. Clearhead*. "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch*. "Mr. Clearhead."

*C*. "Your Committee on Organization is ready to report."

*Ch.* "Gentlemen, will you receive the report?"

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I move the report be received."

*Mr. Force.* "I second the motion."

*Ch.* "It is moved and seconded that the report be received. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The report is in order."

*Mr. Clearhead reads:*

**MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN:** Your Committee appointed at our last meeting to report a plan of organization would respectfully present the following regulations for your consideration:

## CONSTITUTION.

### Article I.—Organization.

**SEC. 1.—NAME.** This Society shall be called the **STUDENTS' CONGRESS.**

**SEC. 2.** ITS OBJECT shall be the mutual improvement of its members, more especially by the study and practice of Parliamentary law.

### Article II.—Membership.

**SEC. 1.—ELECTION.** Any person may be admitted to membership by a majority vote.

**SEC. 2.—FEE.** Each person on joining, shall contribute to this Congress a book of his own selection.

### Article III.—Officers.

**SEC. 1.—TITLES.** The officers of this Congress shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries and a Treasurer.

**SEC. 2.** ELECTIONS shall be by written ballot and a majority vote, with or without

nomination, and shall take place at the first regular meeting in January, and each alternate month thereafter. Officers shall take their places at the close of each election, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

SEC. 3. APPOINTMENTS *pro tempore* of officers to fill vacancies, shall be made by the presiding officer.

SEC. 4.—DUTIES. Each officer shall perform the duties usually devolving upon his position.

#### Article IV.—Laws.

SEC. 1. SPECIAL LAWS may be adopted or changed at any time by majority vote.

SEC. 2. THE AMERICAN MANUAL OF PARLIAMENTARY LAW shall be the authority.

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote, and shall not be acted upon until read at two consecutive regular meetings.

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#### BY-LAWS.

ART. 1. A REGULAR MEETING shall be held on Saturday evening of each week at 7:30 o'clock.

ART. 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS shall be called by the President and Secretary on the written request of five members.

ART. 3. A QUORUM shall consist of five members.

ART. 4. A PROGRAM COMMITTEE of three shall be appointed by the Chair at the commencement of each official term.

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#### RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1.—VOTING. The motions to Close Debate and to Suspend the Rules, shall require a two-thirds vote. The Yeas and Nays may be ordered by a one-fifth vote.

RULE 2.—DEBATING. No member shall debate more than one minute at a time unless the time is extended by the usual Parliamentary rule.

RULE 3. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS shall be that found on page 128 of the AMERICAN MANUAL OF PARLIAMENTARY LAW.

Respectfully submitted.

E. M. MAKEPEACE,	} Committee.
A. G. CLEARHEAD,	
WILLIE REDDY,	

Ch. "What will you do with the report?"

Mr. Knight. "Mr. Chairman."

Ch. "Mr. Knight."

K. "I move its adoption."

Mr. Whitney. "I second the motion."

Ch. "It is moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Are you ready for the question?"

Mr. Frost. "Mr. Chairman."

Ch. "Mr. Frost."

F. "I move to take it up *seriatim*."

Mr. Force. "I second the motion, Mr. Chairman."

Ch. "It is moved and seconded that the report be taken up *seriatim*, that is, item by item. Are you ready for the question? \*  
\* \* All in favor, will please say 'Aye.'  
\* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* It is carried."

Ch. of meeting reads Sec. 1 of Art. 1.

Mr. Firman. "Mr. Chairman, I move its adoption."

Ch. "The Chair would suggest that the best way to consider the report *seriatim* is simply to propose amendments during its consideration, and at the close, the original

motion to adopt, offered by Mr. Knight may then be voted upon.

*Sec. 2 read by Ch.*

*Sec. 1 of Art. II read.*

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I move to amend by striking out the words 'by a majority vote.'"

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

*Ch.* "It is moved and seconded that the words 'by a majority vote' be struck out. Are you ready for the question? All in favor, will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost."

*Sec. 2 read.*

*Sec. 1 of Art. III read.*

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move to strike out the word 'and' and insert at the close of the section the words 'and a Librarian.' If we are to have a library and no money, I think we need a Librarian more than a Treasurer."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "I second the motion."

*Ch.* "It is moved to amend by striking out the word 'and' and adding at the close of the section the words 'and a Librarian.' Are you ready? All who favor the amendment will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "If there are two Vice-Presidents, how shall we know which shall have precedence in presiding?"

*Ch.* "The one first elected will be the first

Vice-President, and the same rule will hold good regarding the Secretaries. "

*Sections 2 and 3 each read without comment.*

*Sec. 4 read.*

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move to strike out the section, as it makes the duties of officers no more explicit than they would be without it."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

*Ch.* "It is moved to strike out this section. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Sec. 1, of Art IV, read.*

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move to strike out this section for a similar reason, namely, that the same law would govern if we had no section of the kind."

*Mr. Richardson.* "I second the motion."

*Ch.* "It is moved to strike out this section. Are there any remarks?"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "It is well to let the Constitution define the manner in which the laws may be changed. In an organization like this, whose chief object is the drill, we may find it to our advantage to make frequent changes in our By-Laws and Rules. This provision of our Constitution will prevent restriction being embodied in the special laws."

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I withdraw the motion."

*Ch.* "Is there any objection to the withdrawal of the motion?"

*Mr. Dutcher.* "I object."

*Ch.* "The question, then, is still before the meeting. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost."

*Sec. 2 read.*

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Sloman."

*S.* "I move to strike out this section. I am not in favor of its adoption until we are satisfied that it is the best work to use."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "We may as well have a little drill over this question as any other. If there are others who, like the gentlemen who last spoke, are unacquainted with the relative merits of the different works on Parliamentary Law, we ought to have a committee of inquiry. We certainly need to adopt some work as authority. I move to refer this section to a committee of three, to report at our next meeting."

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

*Ch.* "It is moved to refer this section to a committee of three, to report at our next meeting. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' It is carried. How shall this committee be appointed?"

(*Cries of "By the Chair."*) "In the absence of a motion the Chair will name Messrs. Whitney, Reynolds and Dutcher as such Committee."

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move the remainder of the report be made a Special Order for our next meeting."

"*Mr. Culver.* "I second the motion, Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "It is moved to make the remainder of the report a special order for next meeting. Are there any remarks? All in favor will please say 'Aye.' Opposed, 'No.' It is carried."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "I move that the report as far as considered be adopted."

*Mr. Reynolds.* "I second the motion."

*Ch.* "It is moved to adopt the report as far as considered. Are there any remarks?"

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "It seems to me we might as well wait to adopt until we have considered the whole report. Besides there are others who have been unable to be present this evening who would like to come in as charter members."

*Willie Reddy.* "If we adopt the report as far as considered, will that adopt the parts which we have struck out?"

*Ch.* "No, if we adopt the report as far as considered, it will be as amended."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "The object I had in making the notion was to enable us to perfect our organization. We have considered all of the Constitution except two sections. By adopting it as far as we have gone we shall



have an organization and may then elect our officers. If others would like to join we can vote them in if we wish."

*Ch.* "Are you ready for the question? All who favor the adoption of the report will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "I move the Chair appoint a committee of three to report forthwith nominations for officers."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

*Ch.* "It is moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three to nominate a set of officers and report forthwith. Are there any remarks? All in favor will respond, 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

"The Chair will name as such committee Messrs. Whitney, Culver and Ellsworth."

*Committee retire, deliberate and return.*

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. Chairman."

*Ch.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "Your Committee on Nominations is prepared to report."

*Ch.* "By the terms of the resolution authorizing the committee's appointment the report will be in order at this time."

*W. (reads).* "Mr. Ch. Your committee would report the following nominations:

For President. . . . . Mr. Reynolds.

" Vice-Presidents. . . . . Mr. Clearhead.

. . . . . Mr. White.

" Secretaries. . . . . Mr. Knight.

. . . . . Mr. Mayo.

" Treasurer. . . . . Mr. Seymour.

" Librarian. . . . . Willie Reddy.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee.

JOHN E. WHITNEY, *Ch'n Com.*''

*Mr. Dutcher.* ''Mr. Chairman.''

*Ch.* ''Mr. Dutcher.''

*D.* ''I move the Chairman of the Committee be instructed to cast the ballot of the Congress for the officers nominated.''

*Mr. Force.* ''Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.''

*Ch.* ''It is moved and seconded that the Chairman of the Committee be instructed to cast the ballot of the Congress for the officers nominated. Any remarks? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* The vote is unanimously adopted.''

*Mr. Whitney.* ''Mr. Chairman, the ballot has been cast for the candidates named.''

*Ch.* ''The persons named are declared duly elected as the officers of this Congress. They will please enter immediately on the discharge of their duties. Mr. Reynolds, will you please take the chair.''

*Mr. Reynolds (taking the chair).* ''In extending thanks for this unexpected honor, I am not unmindful of the gauntlet through which I must run when our Congress gets down to solid work, but as fellow students we will learn and laugh together over our mistakes, and, I hope, endeavor to profit by them. What is your pleasure?''

*Mr. Ellsworth.* ''Mr. President.''

*P.* ''Mr. Ellsworth.''

*E.* ''I move we adjourn.''

*Mr. White.* ''I second the motion, Mr. President.''

*P.* ''It is moved and seconded that we

now adjourn. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "I move that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet one week from to-night, at 7:30."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that when we adjourn, it be for one week. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will manifest by raising the right hand. \* \* \* Opposed by the same sign. It is carried. The question recurs on the motion to adjourn. All in favor will raise the right hand. \* \* \* Those opposed will make it manifest by the same sign. \* \* \* It is carried and the Congress stands adjourned."

## VII.

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

*Place,* "Maple Cottage."

*Time,* 1886, Jan. 16th, 7:30 P. M.

*New Characters:*—(18) Mrs. R. E. Reddy, (19) Miss Fannie Whitney, (20) Miss Jennie Culver, (21) Walter Mayo, (22) Silas Seymour.

*P.* "Gentlemen, you will please come to order and listen to the minutes of the last meeting."

*The Secretary rises and reads minutes.*

*P.* "Are there any corrections to be made to the journal? If not it will be approved."

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Sloman."

*S.* "The vote on the proposed amendment to Sec. 1 of Art II. is recorded as

carried. As I remember it, the amendment was lost."

*P.* "If there is no objection, the minutes will be amended as suggested."

*Mr. Force.* "I object."

*P.* "What is the pleasure of the Congress?"

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Sloman."

*S.* "I move to amend the minutes in accordance with my suggestion."

*Col. Reddy.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to amend the minutes by striking out the word 'carried' and inserting the word 'lost' following the proposed amendment to Sec. 1 of Art II. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will make it manifest by the uplifted hand. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. Are there any other corrections to the minutes? If not they will be approved as amended. \* \* \* It is so ordered. What is the further pleasure of the Congress?"

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "Your committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the subject of a manual, is prepared to report."

*P.* "Will you receive the report?"

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move the report be received."

*Willie Reddy.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that the report be received. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will manifest by the usual sign. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \*

\* It is carried. We will listen to the report."

*Mr. Whitney reads:*

*To the Students' Congress:—*

Your committee appointed at the last meeting to recommend a suitable manual to be adopted as the authority of this Congress, on Parliamentary Law, would respectfully recommend the adoption of Sec. 2 of Art. IV. of the Constitution as proposed by the Committee on Organization, for the following reasons:

We find the work there recommended, to be by far the most complete and comprehensive of any of the manuals on the subject. It not only covers all the ground embraced in the other manuals, but many minor points are fully explained which other writers seem to have passed as of little consequence. Notwithstanding the subject is so exhaustively treated in the work proposed, it is so thoroughly condensed as to be included in a book of 131 pages, of convenient size for the pocket, printed with large type. The manual also has the advantage of system in arrangement and besides the very complete index in the back part, it has a ledger index cut into the margin, which is a great convenience and makes the book very desirable as a work of ready reference. Although a secondary consideration, it may not be out of place to mention that this work, containing so much in a small space, is sold at a less price than either of the other manuals which treat upon the same subject.

Respectfully,

John E. Whitney,	} Com.
Henry J. Reynolds,	
Milton H. Dutcher,	

P. "Gentlemen, what will you do with the report?"

Mr. Frost. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Frost."

F. "I move the adoption of the report."

Mr. Force. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Are you ready for the question?"

Willie Reddy. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Reddy."

R. "What will be the effect of the adoption of this report?"

P. "It will be in effect adopting Sec. 2 of Art IV. of the Constitution as proposed by the Committee on Organization. Are there any further remarks? All in favor of the adoption of the report will make it manifest. \* \* \* Opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

"We will now resume, if there is no objection, consideration of the report of the Committee on Organization, which was made A SPECIAL ORDER for this evening."

*Sec. 3 of Art IV. read, as also the By-Laws and the first two Rules of Order, without comment..*

*Rule 3 read.*

Mr. Sloman. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Sloman."

S. "I should like to have the Order of Business read."

P. "The Secretary will please read it."

*Secretary reads:*

1. Roll of Officers and *pro tem* appointments.

2. Reading and approving Journal.

3. Election to Membership.
4. Propositions for Membership (usually acted on at a future meeting).
5. Reports of Officers and Committees.
6. Special Orders (including Elections).
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Communications and New Business.

*Col. Reddy.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Col. Reddy."

*R.* "In a village of this size, where all are acquainted, I see no need of delay in the election of members, and therefore I move to strike out No. 4, of the Order of Business."

*Mr. Force.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved to strike out item No. 4. Are you ready for the question? \* \* \* All in favor will manifest by the usual sign. \* \* \* Opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

"The question now recurs on the original motion offered by Mr. Knight to adopt the report. Are you ready?"

*Willie Reddy.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Master Reddy."

*R.* "The original motion was to adopt the report of the Committee on Organization, was it not?"

*P.* "It was."

*R.* "Then if that motion is carried, will it not adopt the report as first made?"

*P.* "The time to amend a report is before its adoption. The report has been amended. The question now is upon the adoption of the report as amended. Any further remarks? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. We have now adopted a code of laws."

According to Art 4, of the By-Laws just adopted, it is the duty of the Chair to appoint a Program Committee. Such Committee will consist of Messrs. Richardson, Culver and Dutcher. The first Section of our New Order of Business after 'Reading and approving journal' is 'Election to Membership.' Are there any names to be presented?"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "I propose Mrs. R. E. Reddy, Miss Fannie Whitney and Miss Jennie Culver, and I move they be admitted to membership."

*Willie Reddy.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that the ladies whose names have just been read be admitted to membership. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "I am opposed to the admission of women to our Congress. The next thing we shall hear they will want to be admitted to the Congress of the United States. I—"

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "The gentleman will state his Question of Order."

*Mr. Frost.* "I have the floor and was recognized by the Chair."

*P.* "True, and you will be entitled to the floor when the Question of Order is settled if it is decided that you were in order, but the Question of Order must be first settled. Please be seated and permit Mr. Sloman to state it."

*Mr. Sloman.* "The point I make is that



this Congress was organized by men, for men and for the instruction of men on questions which concern men only, and that our Constitution provides for the admission of men only."

*P.* "Our guide in this matter must be the Constitution, which says, 'any person may be admitted, etc.' The Chair rules the motion of Mr. Clearhead to be in order. Mr. Frost has the floor."

*Mr. Frost.* "I was about to—"

*Mr. Sloman.* "I appeal from your decision, Mr. President."

*Mr. Force.* "I second the appeal."

*Mr. Frost.* "The Chair just announced that I had the floor."

*P.* "You were entitled to the floor, but of course you are liable to interruption by questions having priority. The Question of Order must first be settled by appeal. The question is, shall the decision of the Chair be reversed?"

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Sloman."

*S.* "The ground of my appeal is that the intention of the Constitution was to admit men only."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "How are we to arrive at the intention except by the language used? If women are not 'persons' they are not entitled to admission."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Knight."

*K.* "I move to lay the appeal on the table."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "The motion is to LAY on the TABLE."

*Mr. Firman.* "I rise to a Question of Order, Mr. President."

P. "The gentleman will state his Question of Order."

F. "The motion as stated by the mover was to lay the appeal on the table. As stated by the Chair it was simply to LAY on the TABLE."

P. "The only motion to table which can be entertained is to Lay on the Table and this, if adopted, would carry the whole subject, including the motion to admit certain persons to membership."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Knight."

K. "I desire to withdraw my motion."

P. "Is there any objection to the withdrawal of Mr. Knight's motion to Table? if not, it will be withdrawn. It is so ordered. The question is now upon reversing the decision of the Chair."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Makepeace."

M. "So many motions have been made that some of us may be a little confused. Will the President please inform us as to the pending questions?"

P. "Certainly. A motion was made by Mr. Clearhead that certain candidates be admitted to membership. On this question Mr. Frost is entitled to the floor. (*Mr. Frost rises*) when it is reached (*Mr. F. sits down in despair*). Mr. Sloman raised the question that the motion was not in order. The Chair overruled the point, and from this decision Mr. Sloman appeals. The

question is, 'Shall the decision of the Chair be reversed?' Any further remarks? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The decision of the Chair is sustained.

"The question recurs on the admission of Mrs. R. E. Reddy, Miss Fannie Whitney and Miss Jennie Culver to membership. (*Mr. Dutcher rises.*) Mr. Frost is entitled to the floor." (*Mr. D. sits down.*)

*Mr. Frost.* "I have forgotten what I was about to say."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "It seems to me hardly—"

*Mr. Force.* "I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "The gentleman will state his Question of Order."

*F.* "Have I the floor? If so I desire to say a few words on the question."

*P.* "You have the floor solely for the purpose of stating the Question of Order."

*F.* "Then I guess I'll sit down."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White is entitled to the floor, as he was interrupted by a Question of Order."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President, if we have got back to the original question, I desire to say that while I believe in the wisdom of the plan of associating men and women together in many kinds of societies, I question the propriety of women's membership in a society organized for the purpose of instruction in legislative methods. Of course I shall not vote against the admission of these ladies, for whom I entertain the greatest respect. I rose simply to explain my vote."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "The explanation which has just been made, makes it necessary for me to explain that I vote for the admission of these ladies for the reason that I believe in the principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence and hope to see the time when women shall be co-workers with men in framing the laws of the land."

*P.* "Are there any further remarks? All who favor the admission of the candidates named will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Frost.* "I call for a count, Mr. President."

*P. (Sitting.)* "The vote is doubted. In re-taking the vote Messrs. Makepeace and Firman will please act as tellers. All who favor the admission of the candidates will please rise. The tellers will count."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mr. President, we have counted the vote."

*P.* "You will please report."

*M.* "Ten votes."

*P. (Sitting.)* "There are ten votes in the affirmative. Please be seated. Those opposed will now rise."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Eight."

*P.* "The vote is ten to eight, and the motion prevails."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "I move to make the vote unanimous."

*Mr. Force.* "I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to make the vote unanimous. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "If this motion is carried by a majority vote, will it make a unanimous vote out of a majority vote?"

*P.* "It will not. It will require a unanimous vote to make it unanimous. Are there any further remarks? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is unanimous."

*Mr. White.* "The candidates are elected, and if they join our Congress, our records may not make very pleasant reading, therefore I move to expunge from the minutes all pertaining to this question except the motion for the admission of the candidates and the record of its unanimous passage."

*Mr. Force.* "I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to expunge from the records everything pertaining to the admission of these candidates except the motion for their admission and the record of its unanimous passage. This motion cannot be carried without unanimous vote. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Knight."

*K.* "In looking over our Roll Book, or list of the names of those who have signed our Constitution, I do not find the names of Mr. Mayo or Mr. Seymour. Both of these gentlemen have been elected to office, yet neither has ever been present nor ever been proposed for membership. By inquiry I learn that the Committee on Nominations had heard them speak of a desire to attend our meetings, and supposed they had become mem-

bers. I move we now proceed to elect a Secretary and Treasurer to fill the vacancies."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that we now proceed to fill the official vacancies by the election of a Secretary and Treasurer. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Forman.* "I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "The gentleman will state his Question of Order."

*F.* "I think the motion is out of order for two reasons. First, we are under the head of 'Election to Membership,' not 'Election of Officers,' and second, our Constitution provides when election of officers shall take place, and this is not the Constitutional time."

*P.* "The ruling of the Chair upon the first question is that the motion is practically to suspend the Rules, and hence will require a two-thirds vote. The second objection the Chair cannot sustain, as it is parliamentary to fill vacancies in office. Besides, the Constitution says: 'The officers of this Congress shall be' etc."

*Col. Reddy.* "I rise to a Question of Order, Mr. President."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Privilege."

*P.* "The gentleman will state his Question of Privilege."

*R.* "A Program Committee has been appointed this evening, and we are expected to report at this meeting a program for next week, yet I suppose it would be unparliamentary for the Committee to sit while the Congress is in session, without permission."

*P.* "The Chair is of the opinion that in a meeting like ours this question might possibly be deemed a privileged one. What is your pleasure, gentlemen?"

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "I move the Committee of Program be permitted to hold a meeting during our present session, and that they be instructed to report before our adjournment."

*Willie Reddy.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that the Program Committee have power to hold a meeting during our present session, and that they be instructed to report before our adjournment. Are you ready? All who favor the motion will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

"The Question of Privilege being settled, the question recurs on the motion to fill the vacant offices by the election of a Secretary and a Treasurer."

*Col. Reddy.* "On this question I raise an additional point of order, Mr. President."

*P.* "The Colonel will state his Question of Order."

*R.* "We have elected a full set of officers for the present term. None of them have resigned. The Constitution does not provide that these officers shall be members. The United States House of Representatives elects part of its officers from those who are not members."

*P.* "The Chair will be obliged to sustain this Question of Order and rule out the motion, for the reasons given."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Makepeace."

M. "We are under the head of 'Election to Membership,' are we not?"

P. "We are."

M. "Then I would propose the names of Walter Mayo and Silas Seymour, and move their admission to membership."

Willie Reddy. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved that Walter Mayo and Silas Seymour be admitted to membership. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Opposed. \* \* \*

It is carried.

"Are there any other propositions? If not we will proceed with the next subject—Reports of Officers and Committees."

Mr. Richardson. "Your Program Committee is ready to report."

P. "The report is now in order."

Mr. Richardson reads:

Your Program Committee are of the opinion that it is time for us to settle down to a method of drill. Believing that Preferred Questions are as little understood as any department of practice, we suggest that it would be advisable to begin with those of lower rank and gradually familiarize ourselves with all. We recommend that the motions To Reprass and To Amend be made a Special Order for our next meeting. We would further recommend that in case there should be a pause in the drill the President shall consider it his duty to call out the members in the order in which their names appear upon the Roll.

Respectfully submitted,

SAML. D. RICHARDSON, Chm. Com.

Mr. Force. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Force,"



F. "I move the report be adopted."

Willie Reddy. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Are you ready? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Opposed. \* \* \* It is carried.

"Are there any other reports?

"Any Special Orders not disposed of?

"Any Unfinished Business?

"Any New Business?

"If there is nothing further the Congress will now adjourn until one week from this evening. It is so ordered."

## VIII.

### AMENDMENTS.

*Note.*—The numbers in parenthesis refer to sections of the American Manual of Parliamentary Law.

1886, Jan. 23d, 7:30 P. M.

P. "The Congress will please come to order. Our first business will be, Calling the Roll of Officers.

*Secretary rises, calls the roll and notes the attendance.*

"The journal will now be read.

*Secretary rises and reads.*

"Are there any corrections to be made to the minutes? If not they will be approved. It is so ordered."

Mr. Frost. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Frost."

F. "At our last meeting we elected three ladies to membership. I am happy to note their attendance this evening. I move To Suspend the Rules and give our President an opportunity to welcome them."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*First Vice-President.* "It is moved and seconded that our President extend a welcome to the ladies who honor us by their presence, and that for this purpose we Suspend the Rules. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

*P.* "It affords me pleasure to welcome among us representatives of the gentler sex. I fully believe that 'It is not good for man to be alone.' It is to be hoped that while for the sake of knowledge we shall criticise without regard to sex, the presence of ladies will temper our criticism with the kindest feelings toward each other."

*Mr. Frost.* "I think, Mr. President, that we should have a response, and hope Mrs. Reddy will favor us."

*Mrs. Reddy.* "Mr. President, I am not 'Reddy' at public speaking. I think Miss Culver will have to speak for us this evening."

*P.* "Miss Culver, we shall be pleased to hear from you."

*C.* "Mr. President, I am not accustomed to speaking in public, but, I assure you, we have come here to take part with you, and I think we may as well begin at once. I confess I am agreeably disappointed in this reception. I have always supposed that Frosts were blighting in their tendencies. A little snow-bird intimated to me that this locality is no exception to the rule, although the chilling blasts had passed unanimously and gallantly a resolution to temper the winds to the shorn lambs. The bird was surely mis-

taken or there has been a transformation, for we are greeted with balmy zephyrs of welcome to the weaker sex. I had given you the credit of being able legislators, yet I did not suppose any one among you had such power to Makepeace, and such a Clearhead, Reddy wit and such Force withal to warm the White Frosts of Knight with a reception Goodenough for a queen. Mayo Seymour of such manifestations of kindness. I accept your proffer of reconciliation and 'now is the winter of my discontent made glorious summer.'

"You will agree with me when I say that it is woman's duty to prepare herself for the proper training of her children. After rearing her family, she has felt called upon to follow her sons to the battlefield, and under the banner of the Red Cross, nurse the stricken ones back to life. But alas, after the toils and sacrifices, and the restoration of her sons to home and family, she has found the scars of battle far less harmful than the moral scars inflicted by the vices of camp life. She has been led to think that there may be an error in legislation, and she indulges the hope—I trust not a forlorn one—that the remedy would be to put less of red tape and more of love in our statutes; that love that says, 'My country is the world, my countrymen are all mankind.' When convinced that proper legislation will guard the hearthstones from the invasions of war and intemperance, together with their attendant evils, she will willingly begin her lessons as a legislator by acquiring the rudiments, and thereafter use her knowledge for the protection of her home."

P. "Our next business is Election to

**Membership.** Are there any names to be presented?

“Any Reports of Officers or Committees?”

“Special Orders.”

“At our last meeting a drill on the motions To Repress and To Amend, was made a Special Order for this evening. There being no Special Order having priority, the drill will now be in order.”

*Mr. Richardson.* “Mr. President.”

*P.* “Mr. Richardson.”

*R.* “I move the adoption of the following:

“*Resolved.*—That we raise by subscription the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing a library for the use of this Congress.”

*Master Reddy.* “Mr. President, I second the motion.”

*P.* “It is moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. Are you ready for the question?”

“This resolution is offered as the basis of a drill. As there seems to be some hesitation I will use the Roll Book. Col. Reddy, your name appears first.”

*Col. Reddy.* “Mr. President, I move To Repress.”

*Mr. Knight.* “Mr. President, I second the motion.”

*P.* “It is moved and seconded that the motion be repressed. Are you ready for the question?”

“Master Reddy, it is your turn next.”

*R.* “Mr. President, I move To Postpone Indefinitely.”

*P.* “That motion is the same as To Repress, which is the question before us.”

*R.* “Mr. President, I have seconded one

motion this evening; I guess that lets me out. ”

P. “ Mr. Clearhead. ”

C. “ Mr. President, I move to amend by striking out the word ‘ *Resolved.* ’ ”

Mr. White. “ I second the motion, Mr. President. ”

P. “ This motion is the same in effect as the motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill and hence is equivalent to the motion To Reprass (75), which motion is now before the Congress.

“ Mr. Makepeace. ”

M. “ Mr. President, I move you that we amend by striking out the words—— ”

Mr. Frost. “ Mr. President, let the gentleman move his amendment instead of moving ‘ *you.* ’ ”

M. “ I accept the suggestion and would move To Amend by striking out the word ‘ *library,* ’ and inserting the word ‘ *dictionary.* ’ ”

Mr. Ellsworth. “ Mr. President, I second the motion. ”

P. “ It is moved and seconded To Amend by striking out the word ‘ *library,* ’ and inserting the word ‘ *dictionary.* ’ ”

“ Mr. Sloman. ”

S. “ Mr. President, I raise a Question of Order. It has often been said that an unabridged dictionary is a library, and that being the case, can this motion be called an amendment? ”

P. “ The Chair will have to rule that it can.

“ Mr. Firman. ”

F. “ Mr. President, I move To Amend the amendment by inserting the word ‘ *Webster’s,* ’ before the word ‘ *dictionary.* ’ ”

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that the amendment be amended by inserting the word 'Webster's' before the word 'dictionary.' Are you ready for the question on the second amendment?"

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "I move to amend the amendment to the amendment by striking out the word 'Webster's' and inserting the word 'Worcester's.'"

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "As there are already two amendments pending, a third cannot be entertained."

*Willie Force.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Master Force."

*F.* "Did I understand the Chair to rule that a third amendment could not be entertained?"

*P.* "You did."

*F.* "Then I raise the Question of Order that the Chair has already entertained three—the motion To Repress, the motion To Amend by striking out and inserting, and the motion to insert the word 'Webster's.'"

*P.* "The gentleman keeps run of the motions nicely, but he confuses terms. The motion To Repress is not an amendment any more than a Question of Order or a motion To Lay on the Table. If the motion To Repress should be carried, it would not amend the original motion; neither would it in case it should be lost."

*F.* "The Chair instructed us at a former meeting that desired amendments should be adopted before action on the original ques-

tion. That being the case, should not an amendment to an amendment be amended before its adoption, if at all?"

*P.* "We must place a limit somewhere to the number of amendments. As an amendment to an amendment to an amendment would be confusing, the limit is placed at two amendments. If you do not wish to adopt Webster's Dictionary, you can vote down the last amendment."

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move as a substitute for the whole that we raise a subscription and buy a Webster's Dictionary and a Worcester's Dictionary."

*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President, I second the substitute."

*P.* "A substitute is simply an amendment (73). It is equivalent to a motion to strike out all after the word 'Resolved,' and insert something else. The motion, therefore, is not now in order."

*Mr. Force.* "What question is before us, Mr. President?"

*P.* "The question is on the adoption of the second amendment, as offered by Mr. Firman."

*F.* "Should not the question be taken on the amendments in the order in which they were presented?"

*P.* "They are taken in the inverse order of presentation, as the second amendment is, in theory, an amendment to the first amendment."

"The question is on inserting the word 'Webster's' before the word 'dictionary.' Are you ready for the question? All in favor

will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost.

"The question is now on the first amendment, to strike out the word 'library' and insert the word 'dictionary.'

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "I move to insert the words 'Webster's and also a Worcester's' before the word 'dictionary.'"

*Mr. Dutcher.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved to amend the amendment by inserting the words 'Webster's and also a Worcester's' before the word 'dictionary.'"

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "How can this amendment be entertained when you have decided that a third amendment is not in order?"

*P.* "The Chair intended to say that three amendments could not pend at the same time. One is now disposed of and another is therefore in order. There is no limit to the number of amendments which may be presented in this manner."

*F.* "There is still another question. The first amendment has not been adopted, and therefore, the word dictionary does not form a part of the resolution. How can we insert certain words before the word 'dictionary?'"

*P.* "No; the amendment has not been adopted, but there is a proposition to amend by inserting the word 'dictionary' in place of the word 'library.' The motion now is, to amend this proposition of amendment. This will be first in order. Are you ready



for the question? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The question now recurs on the first amendment offered. ''

*Mr. Mayo.* ''Mr. President,''

*P.* ''Mr. Mayo.''

*M.* ''I move to amend by striking out the words 'one hundred' and inserting the word 'fifteen.' ''

*Mr. Clearhead.* ''I second the motion, Mr. President.''

*P.* ''It is moved to amend by striking out the words 'one hundred' and inserting the word 'fifteen.' ''

*Mr. Force.* ''Mr. President. I rise to a Question of Order.''

*P.* ''You will please state it.''

*F.* ''The amendment just stated was not offered as an amendment to the first amendment, and makes no reference to it.''

*P.* ''If the mover of the last amendment had proposed to add to the first amendment the words 'and strike out the words one hundred and insert the word fifteen,' it would clearly have been offered as an amendment to the first amendment. It is obvious that one hundred dollars would be a large price for a dictionary. Where the effect of a proposed second amendment is so plain, the motion is entertained; indeed, most presiding officers entertain any two amendments, even if their relation is not apparent.''

*Mr. Seymour.* ''Mr. President, I move to make it twenty-five dollars instead of fifteen dollars.''

*P.* ''Three amounts are named, so we will proceed as in filling blanks, and vote on the highest number first. Are any other sums to be named?

*Ten, twenty, twelve and five dollars are named, also five cents.*

*P.* "The Chair will rule out the last amount named as obviously frivolous [24 b.] Are you ready for the question?"

"All in favor of filling this blank with one hundred dollars will make it manifest. \* \*

\* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost.

"Those in favor of twenty dollars. \* \*

\* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost.

All in favor of fifteen dollars. \* \* \*

Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. All in

favor of twelve dollars. \* \* \* Those

opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. All in

favor of ten dollars. \* \* \* Those opposed.

\* \* \* It is lost. All in favor of five dollars.

\* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The

question now recurs on the amendment to

substitute the word 'dictionary' for the word

'library.' Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "In case the resolution is adopted with or without this amendment, what amount will be named?"

*P.* "The blank may be filled before action on the resolution, or it may be adopted

with the blank and filled out afterward. All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \*

Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost.

"The question now recurs on the motion To Repress."

*Miss Culver.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Miss Culver."

*C.* "I move to fill the blank with the words 'one hundred dollars or more.'"

*Miss Whitney.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that the

blank in the resolution be filled by inserting the words 'one hundred dollars or more.' "

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. President, I would suggest a Question of Order."

*P.* "You will please state it."

*M.* "I do not remember that the words 'one hundred dollars' have been struck out."

*P.* "They have in effect, for we have voted not to let those words stand."

*M.* "That being the case, how can we restore them without reconsideration?"

*P.* "We could not without reconsideration restore those words alone, but they may be inserted with others." [73 g.]

*M.* "There is still another question. Before the last amendment was offered, the Chair stated the question to be on the motion To Repress. That being the case, how can we go behind the motion To Repress and amend the original motion?"

*P.* "Because in the order of the precedence of motions, To Amend outranks the motion To Repress. It is a general principle of Parliamentary Law that before a motion is destroyed its friends may amend and perfect it. Are there any further remarks? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

"The question now recurs on the motion To Repress."

*Miss Culver.* — "Mr. President."

*P.* "Miss Culver."

*C.* "I heard one of our members say that a certain resident—a young man—desired to become a member of this Congress, but could get no one to present his name. Most of us know that his deplorable condition is the result of evil associates. Suppose

he and others like him desire to reform, how can they gain admittance to other Society? For one, I feel that I have a clearer and more intelligent idea of the proper method of amending motions than I had before attending this meeting. My only object in learning methods is to utilize them. We now have an opportunity for efficient legislation. I half suspect the committee had a plan not at first apparent, in offering this resolution. Let us adopt it, and establish at once the nucleus of a free library and reading room. Let it no longer be said there is no place in our village for young men to assemble, except places where they learn to drink and gamble."

P. "Are you ready? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The question will now be taken on the adoption of the resolution as amended. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

*Miss Culver.* "Mr. President."

P. "Miss Culver."

C. "I move the appointment by the Chair of a committee of five to raise the subscription required by the resolution."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President, I second the resolution."

P. "It is moved that the Chair appoint a committee of five to raise the subscription required by the resolution. Are you ready to vote? Those in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

"The Chair will appoint as such committee Miss Culver, Mr. Clearhead, Mrs. Reddy, Miss Whitney and Mr. Makepeace."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Richardson."

R. "At the proper time for 'Reports of Committees,' your 'Committee on Program' were unable to judge what progress would be made this evening, and hence were not prepared to report. We can do so now, if desired."

P. "By unanimous consent we may open again under 'Reports of Committees.' If there is no objection it is so ordered. Please present your report."

*Mr. Richardson reads—*TO THE STUDENTS' CONGRESS: Your Committee on Program would recommend that the drill at our next meeting be directed to the motions To Commit and To Postpone.

Respectfully submitted,  
SAMUEL D. RICHARDSON,  
*Chairman Committee.*

P. "What will you do with the report?"

*Mr. Seymour.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Seymour."

S. "I move the report be adopted."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "The question is on the adoption of the report. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. White."

W. "I move we adjourn."

*Mr. Force.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

P. "It is moved and seconded that we adjourn. Are you ready to vote! All in favor will please make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried, and the Congress is adjourned."

## IX.

## COMMITMENT AND POSTPONEMENT.

1886, Jan. 30, 7:30 P. M.

*The proceedings of the earlier part of this evening's meeting are omitted.*

P. "Reports of Officers and Committees."

Secretary. "A Committee on Subscription was appointed at our last meeting."

Miss Culver. "Mr. President, your committee would report progress, and ask for further time."

P. "If there is no objection the committee will have further time. There being none it is so ordered."

"Special Orders. Our drill on commitment and postponement will now be in order."

Mr. Richardson. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Richardson."

R. "For the purpose of opening the drill, I offer the following:

"Resolved. That we rent 'Music Hall' for one year from March 1st, provided that it shall be thoroughly renovated, and shall not exceed the annual rental of one hundred dollars."

Mr. Dutcher. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "The question is on the adoption of the resolution."

Mr. Culver. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Culver."

C. "I move to Postpone Indefinitely."

Mrs. Reddy. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved and seconded that the resolution be repressed."

Mrs. Whitney. "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mrs. Whitney."

*W.* "I move To Amend the resolution by striking out the words 'thoroughly renovated,' and inserting the words, 'painted and calcimined.'"

*Miss Culver.* "Mr. President, I second the amendment."

*P.* "It is moved in amendment that the words, 'thoroughly renovated' be struck out and the words, 'painted and calcimined,' inserted."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "I move To Amend the amendment by striking out the word, 'calcimined' and inserting the word, 'papered.'"

*Mr. Seymour.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved To Amend the amendment by striking out the word 'calcimined,' and inserting the word, 'papered.'"

*Col. Reddy.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Col. Reddy."

*R.* "I move To Refer to a special committee of seven, to be appointed by the Chair."

*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved To Refer to a special committee of seven, to be appointed by the Chair."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "I move To Amend by making it a committee of three, to be appointed by ballot."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*Mr. Frost.* "I move To Refer to the Committee of the Whole, Mr. President."

*P.* "As several propositions for commitment are offered, it will be better to pursue the parliamentary routine. The first question is:

"Shall it be Committed?"

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "I move the committee be instructed to ascertain the lowest annual rental."

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "Before giving instructions to the committee we will decide whether To Commit."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "You will please state it."

*F.* "At a former meeting you said that if amendments were to be made to a resolution or motion, they should be made before its adoption; hence, it seems to me that the motion To Commit should be amended before being adopted."

*P.* "There seems to be exceptions to all rules. To avoid complications it is a rule of Parliamentary Law that when amendments are moved to the motion To Refer, the motion may be divided by the Chair. The last division relates to instructions. When we reach that, it will be proper to make all the necessary amendments before final action."

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I move To Postpone the motion To Commit, for one week."



*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved To Postpone for one week. This motion cannot be applied to the motion To Commit, alone. If it carries it will postpone the whole subject for one week. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed.

\* \* \* It is lost. The question now before us is: Shall the subject be Committed? Are you ready for the question? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried.

"We will next settle upon the kind of committee. Shall it be referred to the Committee of the Whole? Are you ready to vote? All in favor will make it manifest.

\* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President, I move it be referred to the Committee on Program

*P.* "Shall it be referred to a Standing Committee? Are you ready to vote on this question? Those in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. It must then go to a Special Committee. Of what number?"

*Mr. Whitney.* "I nominate five, Mr. President."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "I would name seven, Mr. President."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President, I think three would be a good number."

*P.* "Any further nominations or remarks? The question will be first taken on the largest number. All in favor of seven will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. Those in favor of five will make it manifest. \* \* \*

Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. We will next consider the method of appointment. Shall they be appointed by open vote? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. Shall they be appointed by ballot? Those in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. Unless otherwise voted the committee will be appointed by Chair. The question of instructing the committee will now be in order."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "I move they be instructed to ascertain the lowest annual rental of the hall."

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that the committee be instructed to ascertain the lowest annual rental of the hall."

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr President."

*P.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I move to amend by adding the words, 'both with and without such improvements as the committee may deem necessary.'"

*Mr. Force.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved to amend the instructions by adding the words, 'both with and without such improvements as the committee may deem necessary.'"

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I move a further amendment by adding the words, 'and that they have power to make a contract.'"

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to amend the amendment by adding the words, 'and that they have power to make a contract.' Are you ready for the question? Those who favor the second amendment will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Whitney."

W. "I move to amend the amendment by adding the words, 'and report at the next meeting.'"

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to amend the amendment by adding the words, 'and report at the next meeting.' Are you ready to vote? Those who favor the last amendment proposed will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. Those who favor the amendment as amended will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. The question is now on the adoption of the proposed instruction to the committee as amended. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost.

"The Chair will appoint as the committee, Col. Reddy, Mr. Clearhead, Miss Whitney, Miss Culver and Mr. Goodenough."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Force."

F. "Why should the committee be appointed when the resolution is lost?"

P. "The resolution was not lost. The motion to instruct them was lost."

F. "Then have they power to rent the hall?"

P. "They have not."

F. "Will the Chair please inform us what their duties are?"

P. "Certainly. A resolution was presented in relation to renting 'Music Hall.' A motion was made To Repeal. Two amendments were offered to the resolution. During this Stage of Business a motion To Refer was carried. It will be the duty of the committee to consider the resolution, and the amendments proposed, and make such recommendations to the Congress as in their judgment may be wise."

Mr. Goodenough. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Goodenough."

G. reads: "I move that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to ascertain and report whether there are any other suitable places for library and session rooms, and report at our next meeting."

Mr. Clearhead. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "The question is on the adoption of the motion as read by Mr. Goodenough."

Mr. Dutcher. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Dutcher."

D. "I move To Postpone until after we receive a report from the Committee on Music Hall."

Master Reddy. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved To Postpone until after we receive a report from the Committee on Music Hall."

Mr. Goodenough. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Goodenough."

G. "I am opposed to the postponement, because I think we should have a report from both committees at our next meeting,

that we may be able to proceed intelligently."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "I am opposed to any move which looks toward procuring any other place than 'Music Hall.' That is the only suit——"

*Mr. White.* "I rise to a Question of Order, Mr. President."

*P.* "Please state your Question of Order."

*W.* "The question of securing 'Music Hall' is not now before us."

*P.* "The Chair must sustain the point of order. The only debate now in order is on postponing the appointment of this committee and the length of time." (71 b.)

*F.* "On that question I simply desire to say, I am in favor of postponing until after the other committee has reported, as I think we shall procure 'Music Hall' on such terms as will be satisfactory to all."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "I move To Amend the motion To Postpone so as to make it for one week."

*Mr. Seymour.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved To Amend by making the time one week. Are you ready to vote? Those in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. The question is now on the motion To Postpone for one week. Are you ready for the question? Those who favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The question is now on the appointment of the committee. Are you ready? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. The

Chair will appoint as such committee, Mr. White, Mr. Ellsworth and Mrs. Reddy."

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Sloman."

*S.* "I owe an apology to the Congress. I have in my pocket a communication for our Secretary, from Mr. Wright, the owner of 'Music Hall,' which I have forgotten to deliver."

*P.* "Is there any Unfinished Business?"

"Any Communications and New Business?"

*Secretary.* "Mr. President, I have a communication from Mr. Wright, relating to 'Music Hall.'"

*P.* "If there is no objection the Secretary will read."

*Secretary reads:*

"To the Students' Congress:

"Hearing that your organization is considering the subject of a free library for this village, I write to say that I should be pleased to have you use 'Music Hall,' and that I will put it in good order and rent it for that purpose for one hundred and fifty dollars per year. Respectfully,

A. B. WRIGHT."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move a reconsideration of the vote by which we referred the subject of renting 'Music Hall,' to a committee."

*Mr. Mayo.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded—"

*Mr. Whitney.* "I rise to a Question of Order, Mr. President."

P. "You will state your Question of Order."

W. "The motion To Commit cannot be reconsidered."

P. "The gentleman is correct. (72.) The motion To Reconsider is of American origin. It was not used in the British Parliament. It is permitted by good usage, in this country, only in cases of necessity. In the present instance it is not needed. The same object may be attained by discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Ellsworth."

E. "For the purpose of considering the subject of leasing 'Music Hall,' I move that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of that subject."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved that for the purpose of considering at this time the subject of leasing 'Music Hall,' the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Are you ready to vote? Those in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Mayo."

M. "We have enjoyed, for a number of meetings, the generous hospitality of our hosts; I now move that hereafter our meetings be held at the houses of the different members."

*Mr. Frost.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

P. "It is moved that hereafter our meet-

ings be held at the houses of the different members."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "I move To Postpone for one week."

*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved To Postpone for one week. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* All opposed."

\* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I move the appointment of a committee to inquire into the probable expense of providing the necessary furniture for 'Music Hall.'"

*Mr. Frost.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved to appoint a committee to inquire into the probable expense of furnishing 'Music Hall.'"

*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Master Reddy."

*R.* "I move To Postpone one week."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved To Postpone one week."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "I move to make the subject a Special Order for one week."

*Mr. Richardson.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved To Amend the motion To Postpone, by making the subject a Special Order for one week from this meeting. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the amendment will make it manifest."



\* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* The amendment is carried. The question is now on the motion as amended."

*Mr. Force.* "Will the Chair please tell us what it is?"

*P.* "The motion as amended is To Postpone until our next meeting and make the subject a Special Order for that time. Are you ready? Those in favor will please make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried.

*P.* "If there is no objection we will open again the subject of Reports of Officers and Committees, giving the Committee on Program an opportunity to report."

*Mr. Richardson reads:*

*"To The Students' Congress:*

"As our drill has covered the debatable Subsidiary Questions, your Committee on Program would recommend that at our next meeting our drill exercises be directed to the methods of voting. As we practice voting at each meeting, we may as well learn the different forms, that we may practice them as we proceed with the other Preferred Questions. Respectfully,

SAM'L D. RICHARDSON, Ch'm. of Com."

*P.* "If there is no objection the report will be considered accepted. There being none it is so ordered. Is there any further business before adjournment? If not, the Congress stands adjourned. It is so ordered."

## X.

### VOTING.

1886, Feb. 6th, 7:30 P. M.

*The record of the early part of the meeting is omitted.*

P. "Reports of Officers and Committees."

Col. Reddy. "Mr. President."

P. "Col. Reddy."

R. "Your Committee on Music Hall is ready to report."

P. "If there is no objection the report will now be received. Hearing none, it is so ordered."

Col. Reddy reads:

"To the Students' Congress:

Your Committee appointed to make inquiry concerning Music Hall as a library room would report that the owner has offered to have it calcimined or papered as we may choose and painted inside and out, and lease it to us for one hundred and fifty dollars per year, payable in monthly installments. As it is centrally located and up but one flight of stairs, your committee think it a very desirable hall in case our pecuniary circumstances warrant so great an outlay for rent.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. REDDY, Ch'm. Com."

P. "What will you do with this report?"

Mr. Goodenough. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Goodenough."

G. "I move it be laid on the table until the other committees have had an opportunity to report."

Mr. Force. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

Mr. White. "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

P. "The gentleman will please state it."

W. "There is no such motion known to

Parliamentary Law as a motion to lay on the table for a specified time. ”

P. “The gentleman is right. To Lay on the Table is one question and To Postpone to a Stated Time is quite another. ”

G. “Permit me, then, to change my motion so that the report shall be *postponed* until the other committees have had an opportunity to report. ”

P. “It is moved and seconded that action on the report be postponed until the other committees have had an opportunity to report. Are you ready to vote? Those in favor will make in manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is so ordered. The other committees, if prepared, will please report at once. ”

Mr. White. “Mr. President. ”

P. “Mr. White. ”

Mr. White reads :

“Your Committee charged with inquiry concerning places other than Music Hall suitable for a library room, would report that they have made diligent inquiry and find the most desirable rooms, under all the circumstances, which have come to their knowledge to be those contained in the west half of Col. Reddy’s house, on Main street. They are in fair condition and can be rented for seventy-five dollars per year. For seventy dollars per year additional, Mrs. Holman, who resides in the same building, will have the rooms swept and cleaned regularly, and the lights and fires cared for, besides giving the library such watchful care when no members are present, as may be consistent with her other duties.

“We recommend the acceptance of the offers, both for the rooms and for their care.

For obvious reasons one of our number desired to be excused from making any recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. A. WHITE.  
C. J. ELLSWORTH.  
Of the Committee. "

P. "If there is no objection this report will take the same course as the other. Hearing none it is so ordered. "

*Miss Culver.* "Mr. President. "

P. "Miss Culver. "

C. "Your Committee on Subscriptions is ready to report. "

P. "Please read. "

*Miss Culver reads:*

"To the Students' Congress:

Your Committee on Subscriptions would report that we have received the following pledges, the amounts to be paid on or before April 1st of the present year:

Col. and Mrs. R. E. Reddy.....	\$25.00
Willie Reddy.....	1.00
A. G. Clearhead.....	5.00
Rev. L. R. Foote.....	5.00
C. N. Sherman.....	50.00

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Total..... \$86.00

Other subscriptions (see accompanying list) have been received to the amount of one hundred and fifty-one dollars, on which we have received payment in full, and for which we hold receipts of the Treasurer of this Congress. Many of those who have contributed have signified their willingness to contribute, from time to time, as more means are required. In addition, numerous contributions of books have been promised—not merely school books and

patent office reports, but standard works. We would respectfully recommend that the unpaid subscriptions be turned over to the care of the Treasurer.

In behalf of the committee,  
JENNIE CULVER."

P. "The reports are now all made. What is your pleasure?"

Mr. Dutcher. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Dutcher."

D. "I move this report be accepted, and that the recommendation which it contains be adopted."

Mr. Force. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to accept the report and adopt its recommendation. Are you ready to vote?"

Mr. Goodenough. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Goodenough."

G. "Permit me to inquire whether the effect of accepting a report would be the same as adopting."

P. "It is merely a matter of form. For example, your system of business may be good enough, but if a friend should suggest an improved method for a part of your work, you might *adopt* it; if he should make you a present you might *accept* it. The gentleman who offers this motion evidently wishes to accept the money and pledges, and adopt the Committee's plan for collecting the amount unpaid. Are there any further remarks? All in favor will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. Some of you have forgotten that our drill this evening covers the question of voting."

Mr. Firman. "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I move the report of the Committee on Music Hall be adopted."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to adopt the report of the Committee on Music Hall."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "To get the question properly before the Congress the motion needs some modification. You will remember that the report contains an 'if.' I move, in order to get it in form, to add to the motion the words 'and that the hall be leased on the terms named.'"

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I accept the amendment."

*P.* "If there is no objection, the amendment will be considered as part of the original question." Are you ready to vote? All in favor will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* All opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "I ask for a count, Mr. President."

*P. (sitting.)* "A division is called for. All who favor the motion to lease Music Hall will please rise. Messrs. Clearhead and Frost will please serve as tellers."

*Mr. Frost.* "There are eight beside my own."

*P.* "Nine votes. Those—"

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move to amend—"

*Mr. Frost.* "I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "You will please state it."

*F.* "The vote had been taken and announced. A doubt was expressed as to the correctness of the decision. A count was being made, and pending that count a motion or remarks would be clearly out of order."

*P.* "On the contrary, after the count had commenced, it was not a full question, for the negative had not been put. At any time before putting the negative, debate and motions (Preferred) are in order."

*Mr. Force.* "Then I would move,—

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher is entitled to the floor. He was interrupted by a Question of Order."

*D.* "I move To Amend the motion by striking out all after the word 'move' and inserting the words 'that the report of the Committee on rooms other than Music Hall be adopted.'"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved To Amend by striking out all after the word 'move' and inserting the words 'that the report of the Committee on rooms other than Music Hall be adopted.' Are you ready to vote? All in favor of the amendment will raise the right hand. \* \* \* Those opposed will make the same sign. \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Frost.* "Please count. Mr. President."

*P. (sitting).* "A division is desired. All who favor the amendment will rise and stand until the vote is announced."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "There are nine votes beside my own."

P. "Ten votes. Those opposed will now rise."

Mr. Frost. "There are eight votes beside mine."

P. "Nine. The amendment is adopted. The question is now on the adoption of the motion as amended, which will be in effect the adoption of the report of Mr. White's Committee. Are there any remarks? All in favor will make it manifest by the uplifted hand. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

Mr. Ellsworth. "Mr. President, I call for a count."

P. (sitting.) "A count is desired. All in favor will please rise." \* \* \*

Mr. Whitney. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Whitney."

W. "I move To Take the Yeas and Nays."

Mr. Seymour. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved To Take the Yeas and Nays. Those in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

Mr. Dutcher. "Mr. President, I desire a count."

P. "A count is desired. All who favor calling the Yeas and Nays will please stand upon the side of the room at the left of the Chair and those opposed at the right."

Mr. Firman. "Mr. President, I move to Lay on the Table."

P. "A motion is not in order at this time. We are voting."

F. "A motion was permitted but a short time ago, after voting had commenced."



P. "True, but the negative had not been put. In this case the Chair has put both the negative and affirmative."

F. "I appeal from your decision."

P. "The appeal cannot be entertained until we are through with this vote. [68 b.] All who favor calling the Yeas and Nays will please stand upon the left, and those opposed, upon the right."

Mr. Clearhead. "Mr. President, there are twelve votes in favor beside my own, and five votes against, beside Mr. Frost's."

P. "Thirteen votes for, and six votes against. The motion prevails. The Yeas and Nays will be called."

Mr. Firman. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Firman."

F. "I now appeal from your decision ruling out my motion To Lay on the Table."

Mr. Sloman. "Mr. President, I second the 'Appeal.'"

P. "An Appeal is taken from the decision of the Chair ruling out the motion To Lay on the Table at the time it was made, when we were voting by Separating. The question is, Shall the decision of the Chair be reversed? Are you ready for the question? All in favor will manifest by raising the hand. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The decision is sustained. The question now recurs on the adoption of the report as amended, which will be in effect the adoption of the report of Mr. White's Committee."

Mr. Whitney. "Mr. President, I desire to be excused from voting."

Mr. Force. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Force."

F. "I move To Excuse the gentleman from voting."

Master Reddy. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved To Excuse Mr. Whitney from voting. All in favor will please say 'Aye. \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' It is carried. The question is now on the adoption of the motion as amended. Are you ready to vote? As many as favor its adoption will, as their names are called, respond 'Yes.' Those opposed will respond 'No.'"

*The Secretary, with an alphabetical list, previously prepared, proceeds to call. The first response in the affirmative is marked with the figure 1 at the left of the name of the member answering. The first negative answer is marked in the same manner at the right of the name of the member answering. The second answer on each side is marked with the figure 2, etc. The name of the President appears last and is not usually called in some organizations. The President may announce his vote before he declares the result.*

After taking the vote the roll presented the following appearance:

Yes.		No.
1	Clearhead	
2	Culver J.	
3	Culver L. C.	
4	Dutcher	
	Ellsworth	1
	Firman	2
5	Force	
	Frost	3
6	Goodenough	
	Knight	4

Yes.		No.
7	Makepeace	
	Mayo	5
	Reddy C. E.	
	Reddy R. E.	
	Reddy W.	
8	Richardson	
	Seymour	6
	Sloman	7
9	White	
10	Whitney F.	
	Whitney Jno. E.	
	Reynolds ( <i>President.</i> )	

*This roll forms no part of the minutes when they are written up. By making rulings on each side one roll may be used for several votes. To give an opportunity to correct mistakes, the Secretary reads:*

*Yeas.* Clearhead, Culver J., Culver L. C., Dutcher, Force, Goodenough, Makepeace, Richardson, White, and Whitney F., —10.

*Nays.* Ellsworth, Firman, Frost, Knight, Mayo, Seymour, and Sloman. —7.

*Not Voting.* Reddy C. E., Reddy R. E., Reddy W., Whitney Jno. E., and the President. —5.

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President, I desire to change my vote to 'Yes.' "

*P.* "The Secretary will record the change. "

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. President, I observe some have not voted who have not been excused, including our President. "

*P.* "It is optional with the President to vote or not vote. Col. Reddy is a party directly interested in the result, and therefore has no right to a vote (91). Whether others of his family could be excluded is perhaps a

question. As they have shown good taste in not voting, the Chair thinks they are excusable. Secretary, how stands the vote?"

*Secretary.* "Eleven yeas and six nays."

*P.* "The vote stands Eleven Yeas and Six Nays. The report of Mr. White's committee is adopted. This action would seem to dispose of the Reports of Committees."

#### SPECIAL ORDERS.

*Secretary.* "The question of 'appointing a Committee on Estimate of cost of furniture for Music Hall' was made a Special Order for this evening."

*P.* "The Secretary will please read."  
*The Secretary reads the resolution from minutes of preceding meeting.*

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President, have we not practically disposed of this business?"

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move To Amend by striking out the words 'Music Hall' and inserting the words 'our prospective rooms.'"

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved To Amend by striking out the words 'Music Hall' and inserting the words 'our prospective rooms.' Are you ready to vote? All who favor the amendment will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* All opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The question is now on the motion to adopt the resolution as amended."

*Miss Culver.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Miss Culver."

*C.* "I move To Amend by inserting the words 'by viva voce vote' after the word appointment."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved To Amend by inserting the words 'by viva voce vote' after the word appointment. Are you ready for the question? Those in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed 'No' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Culver.* "It is doubted."

*P.* "We will vote again. All in favor will raise the right hand \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It seems to be carried without a doubt."

*Mr. Culver.* "Doubtful."

*P.* "The vote is doubted. Mr. Force and Mr. Culver will serve as tellers. We will vote by 'Passing in File.'"

*The Tellers take position near the head of the room, facing each other, and count the members as they pass singly between them, first those in the affirmative, and then those in the negative.*

"All who favor the amendment will Pass in File between the Tellers \* \* \*."

*Mr. Force.* "There are ten votes, Mr. President."

*Mr. Culver.* Mr. President, I make eleven."

*P.* "As the Tellers disagree we must vote again. All in favor of the amendment will Pass in File between the Tellers. \* \* \*"

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, there are eleven votes."

*P.* "Eleven. Those opposed will now vote. \* \* \*"

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President, there are five votes."

*P.* "Five. The amendment is adopted. The question will now be taken on the motion

as amended. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will manifest by raising the hand. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. "

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mr. President. "

*P.* "Mr. Makepeace. "

*M.* "I move the committee consist of one. "

*Miss Whitney.* "Mr. President, I second the motion. "

*P.* "The question is shall the committee consist of one? Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. We will proceed to appoint. The Secretary will call the roll, and each member as his name is called will rise and name the candidate of his choice. "

*The Secretary takes a new Roll and as he calls, he places a figure, not after the person whose name he calls, but after the name on the same roll of the person for whom the vote is cast. After taking the vote the Roll presented the following appearance :*

Clearhead, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

Culver, J. 1, 2.

- Culver, L. C. 1.

Dutcher.

Ellsworth, 1.

Firman.

Force.

Frost.

Goodenough.

Knight.

Makepeace, 1, 2, 3.

Mayo.

Reddy, C. E. 1.

Reddy, R. E.

Reddy, W.  
 Richardson.  
 Seymour.  
 Sloman, 1.  
 White.  
 Whitney, F.  
 Whitney, Jno. E.  
 Reynolds (*President*).

*Secretary.* "Mr. President, the whole number of votes cast is 20.

Mr. Clearhead received.....	11
Culver, J.,        "	2
Culver, L. C.     "	1
Ellsworth,       "	1
Makepeace,       "	8
Reddy, C. E.     "	1
Sloman,           "	1

*President.* "Mr. Clearhead having received a majority of the votes cast, is duly appointed as the committee. Are there any other Special Orders?"

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "Another resolution postponed at our last meeting, was presented before the one on which we have just acted. Why should not that have been first taken up?"

*P.* "The motion which we have had under consideration was not simply postponed, but it was made a Special Order for this evening. The other resolution having been postponed, will come up under Unfinished Business, which we will now take up, because it occurs next on our Order of Business. The Secretary will read the resolution to which reference has been made."

*Secretary.* "The motion was, that hereafter our meetings be held at the houses of the different members."

P. "Are you ready for the question on the adoption of this motion?"

Col. Reddy. "As our new rooms' will probably be ready in two weeks, I move To Lay on the Table."

Mr. Force. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved To Lay on the Table. All in favor will manifest by saying 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. Is there any other unfinished business?"

Mr. Force. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Force."

F. "If I may be permitted, I would like to inquire right here why the Tellers first appointed served during several votes and not through the whole evening?"

P. "When permanent Tellers are not appointed the Chair appoints from those on both sides of the pending question. The Tellers first appointed served during all the voting upon the question then before us, including all its Preferred Questions."

P. "If there is no other Unfinished Business, Communications and New Business will now be in order."

Mr. Firman. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Firman."

F. "I move to amend the By-Laws by adding the following:"

ART. 5. A TRUSTEE shall be elected by ballot at the first regular meeting in January to serve one year. In case of vacancy an election may take place at any time.

Mr. Mayo. "Mr. President I second the motion."

P. "It is moved and seconded that the By-Laws be amended by adding an Article



as read. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "The gentleman will please state it."

*D.* "Sec. 3 of Art. IX. of the Constitution of this Congress reads:"

AMENDMENTS to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote, and shall not be acted upon until read at two consecutive regular meetings.

*P.* "The pending proposition is to amend the By-Laws, not the Constitution."

*D.* "But the Constitution is higher authority than a By-Law, is it not?"

*P.* "It is in case of conflict, but the Constitution does not place any restriction on amending the By-Laws."

"Are there any further remarks? All in favor of the proposition to amend will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr. President, I move we now proceed to the nomination and election of a Trustee for the unexpired term."

*Mr. Seymour.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that we now proceed to the nomination and election of a Trustee for the unexpired term. Are you ready to vote. All in favor will raise the right hand. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. The Chair will appoint as Tellers Mr. White and Mr. Goodenough. Please make your nominations."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President, I nominate Mr. Makepeace."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the nomination."

*P.* "Mr. Makepeace is nominated."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President, I nominate Miss Culver."

*P.* "Miss Culver is nominated."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "You will please state it."

*F.* "The nomination of Miss Culver was not seconded."

*P.* "Nominations require no second" (2).

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President, I nominate Miss Whitney."

*P.* "Miss Whitney is nominated."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I nominate Willie Reddy."

*P.* "Willie Reddy is nominated. Are there any further nominations to be made? If not nominations will be closed."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. President, I nominate Mr. Knight."

*P.* "Mr. Knight is nominated."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President, I nominate Mrs. Reddy."

*P.* "Mrs. Reddy is nominated."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "I move that nominations be closed."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that nominations be now closed. All in favor will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Secretary will now read the names of the candidates."

*Secretary.* "Mr. Makepeace, Miss Culver, Miss Whitney, Willie Reddy, Mr. Knight and Mrs. Reddy."

P. "The members will please prepare their votes. \* \* \* The Tellers will please collect the ballots."

*The Tellers pass around with the ballot boxes, and on returning to their table, stand with boxes in hand awaiting the order of the President.*

P. "Have all voted who wish? If so the ballot will be closed. It is so ordered."

*The Tellers now turn the ballots on the table and proceed to count.*

Mr. White. "Mr. President."

P. "The members will listen to the report of the Tellers."

Mr. White reads:

Whole number of votes cast. ....	22
Whole number of legal votes cast. ....	20
Necessary to a choice .....	11
Miss Culver .....	2
Culver .....	1
Miss Whitney .....	2
Miss Whitney .....	1
Whitney .....	1
Willie Reddy .....	1
Mrs. Reddy .....	5
Reddy .....	6
Seymour .....	1
Blank .....	2

P. "There seems to be no choice."

Mr. Frost. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Frost."

F. "If the ballots for Reddy are counted for Mrs. Reddy there would be a choice, and I move they be so counted."

P. "The Chair would be compelled to rule out the motion, because Willie Reddy is in nomination, and we have no more right to count them for one than the other."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "We have reported this vote just as the ballots were written. The Chair has ruled on the only material question involved. Nevertheless, for our information, I suggest that the Chair rule on all the questions."

*P.* "If that is the general wish please read the report slowly."

*White reads :*

Whole number of votes cast.....22

Whole number of legal votes cast.....20

*P.* "This is ascertained by deducting the two blank ballots which are not to be counted."

*White continues :*

Necessary to a choice.....11

Miss Culver..... 2

Culver..... 1

*P.* "As there is no Culver in nomination except Miss Culver, the three votes must be counted in her favor."

*White continues :*

Miss Whitney..... 2

Miss Whitney..... 1

Whitney..... 1

*P.* "There is no Whitney in nomination except Miss Whitney. Though the name on one ballot was not correctly spelled, the intention is plain. These four votes should be counted for Miss Whitney."

*White continues :*

Willie Reddy..... 1

Mrs. Reddy..... 5

Reddy..... 6

Seymour..... 1

Blank..... 2

*P.* "Had there been but one Reddy nominated, we should know how to dispose

of the six votes, but as it is, they must be counted only in making up the whole number of legal votes." (99 a.)

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Sloman."

*S.* "As Mr. Seymour was not nominated, why should not his vote be considered illegal?"

*P.* "Because Mr. Seymour is eligible to the office and therefore a member has a perfect right to vote for him."

*S.* "Then why may not the vote marked Whitney, have been intended for Mr. Whitney?"

*P.* "It may have been so intended, but as Miss Whitney was in nomination and Mr. Whitney was not, a member wishing to vote for him should make his intention clear."

*White.* "According to the ruling of the Chair the report would stand as follows:"

Whole number of votes cast.....	22
Whole number of legal votes cast.....	20
Necessary to a choice.....	11
Miss Culver.....	3
Miss Whitney.....	4
Willie Reddy.....	1
Mrs. Reddy.....	5
Reddy.....	6
Seymour.....	1
Blank.....	2

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "Should not the Tellers have prepared their report by placing at the head of the list the person having the highest number of votes, and so on, according to the number of votes each received?"

*P.* "That is immaterial. The Tellers evidently took down the names in the order

of their nomination, preparing their report as far as they could before collecting the ballots. After the count they had simply to insert the names of those voted for who had not been nominated, and to fill in the numbers. "

"Please prepare your votes for a second ballot. "

*Willie Reddy:* "Mr. President. "

*P.* "Mr. Reddy. "

*R.* "Will you please open the subject of nominations again?"

*P.* "As nominations were closed by a vote of the Congress, the Chair prefers to have the Congress re-open them. "

*R.* "Then I would move to open nominations. "

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion. "

*P.* "It is moved to open nominations. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order. "

*P.* "You will please state it. "

*M.* "As nominations were closed by vote, how can they be opened except by reconsideration?"

*P.* "The motion to close nominations means technically that they be *now* closed. After that motion was carried they could not have been opened until after a vote had been taken, or a nomination withdrawn or declined. A vote has been taken, so the motion is now in order (80). Are you ready for the question? All in favor will raise the right hand. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. Please nominate. "

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President, I nominate Mr. Ellsworth. "

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth is nominated."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "Is it in order for a member to make a nomination without first being recognized by the Chair?"

*P.* "It would be an informality (49) permitted only by unanimous consent."

*W.* "Then I insist on an observance of the regular forms."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "I take great pleasure in presenting in a formal manner the name of Mr. White for the suffrages of this Congress."

*P.* "Mr. White is nominated. Are there any further nominations? If not they will be closed. It is so ordered. Please prepare your ballots."

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move to open nominations."

*P.* "That motion is not now in order."

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "I would respectfully decline the nomination."

*P.* "Mr. White declines."

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move to open nominations."

*Willie Reddy.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to open nominations. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* All opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. We now seem

to be ready to ballot. Will the Secretary read the names of those in nomination "

*Secretary.* "Mr. Makepeace, Miss Culver, Miss Whitney, Willie Reddy, Mr. Knight, Mrs. Reddy, Mr. Ellsworth."

*P.* "The Tellers will pass round and receive the votes. \* \* \* Have all voted who wish? If so the ballot will be closed. It is so ordered." \* \* \*

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President, we are ready to report."

*P.* "The Congress will attend to the report of the Tellers."

*White reads:*

Whole number of votes cast.....	22
Necessary to a choice.....	12
Mr. Makepeace received.....	1
Miss Culver.....	21

*P.* "Miss Culver having received a majority of the votes cast is the duly elected Trustee.

"Is there any other New Business? If not, we will open by unanimous consent. under the head of Reports of Committees for the purpose of hearing a report from the Committee on Program."

*Mr. Richardson reads:*

"To the Students' Congress:

Your Committee on Program would recommend that at our next meeting we take for our drill The Previous Question, and that Mr. Clearhead be appointed to read a short paper on the subject.

Respectfully,

SAM'L D. RICHARDSON, Ch'n of Com."

*P.* "If there is no objection the report will be considered as accepted.

*Mr. Clearhead.* "I object."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President."



*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move the report be adopted."

*Miss Whitney.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to adopt the report. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* All opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I move we adjourn."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved To Adjourn. All in favor will raise the right hand. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. The Congress is adjourned."

## XI.

### PREVIOUS QUESTION.

1886, Feb. 13th, 7:30 P. M.

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*P.* "Reports of Officers and Committees are now in order."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "Your committee appointed at the last meeting is prepared to report."

*P.* "If there is no objection the report will be received. Please proceed."

*Mr. Clearhead reads:*

"To the Students' Congress:

Your committee appointed at the last meeting to ascertain and report the cost of furniture for our new apartments, would report that for the purpose of assisting the Congress in this enterprise, our merchants express their willingness to fill our orders for furniture at

reduced rates. The estimate of your committee is that an outlay of fifty dollars will be sufficient for present purposes.

Respectfully,

A. G. CLEARHEAD."

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I move the report be accepted."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to accept the report. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will raise the right hand. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "I move the report be adopted."

*P.* "The motion to accept has just been carried."

*F.* "Yes, but I desire in addition to have it adopted."

*P.* "Can you tell us how your motion, if carried, would affect the question?"

*F.* "I do not know that the motion to accept has had any particular effect."

*P.* "It simply shows that the report is acceptable to the Congress. Its adoption would show nothing more. The Chair must rule the motion out of order."

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#### COMMUNICATIONS AND NEW BUSINESS.

*Miss Culver.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Miss Culver."

*C.* "I move that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to have the rooms fitted up and furnished under instructions of the Congress, or in the absence of instructions, in accordance with their own judgment."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to have our new rooms fitted up and furnished under instructions of the Congress, or in the absence of instructions, in accordance with their own judgment."

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move to amend by striking out all the words following the word 'Congress.'"

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the amendment."

*P.* "It is moved to amend by striking out all the words following the word 'Congress.' Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move the subject be referred to a committee of three, to report at our next meeting."

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to refer to a committee of three, to report at our next meeting."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Knight."

*K.* "I move the Previous Question."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "The Previous Question is moved and seconded. The question is shall the debate now close?"

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "I desire to make a few remarks before this question is taken."

P. "Remarks are not now in order, as the question is not debatable. All in favor of the motion will make it manifest. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The question now recurs on the motion to refer."

Mr. Richardson. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Richardson."

R. "I move To Postpone for one week."

Mr. Seymour. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved To Postpone for one week. Are you ready for the question?"

Mr. White. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. White."

W. "I desire to say that it seems wholly unnecessary to delay the matter of fitting——"

Mr. Mayo. "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

P. "You will please state it."

M. "The Chair decided but a few minutes ago that discussion was out of order."

P. "That was at the time the Previous Question was pending. As the Previous Question was lost, debate is not cut off."

White. "I rose simply to say that it seems useless to defer the matter of fitting up our rooms. I hope there will be no postponement."

Miss Whitney. "Mr. President."

P. "Miss Whitney."

W. "I move the Previous Question."

Mr. Culver. "I second the motion, Mr. President."

P. "The Previous Question has been moved and seconded."

Mr. Dutcher. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move the Previous Question only on the motion To Postpone."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "The Previous Question is moved on the whole subject, and on the motion To Postpone alone. The vote will first be taken on its application to the whole question, and should that fail, on its application to the motion To Postpone. The question now is, Shall the debate now close on the whole subject? Those in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The question now is, Shall the debate close on the motion To Postpone. Those in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. The question now recurs on the motion To Postpone for one week. All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The question recurs on the motion To Commit. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "I hope this motion will not prevail, as it will unnecessarily retard our progress."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "You will please state your Question of Order."

*F.* "Did not the motion To Close Debate prevail the last time we voted upon that question?"

*P.* "It did."

*F.* "Then how can this question be debatable?"

*P.* "The vote which carried was on closing the debate on the question of post-

ponement. We now have under consideration the question of commitment. "

*F.* "Then I now move To Close Debate on the whole subject."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo is entitled to the floor, unless he had concluded his remarks."

*Mr. Mayo.* "I have nothing further to say, Mr. President."

*Mr. Culver.* "I second the motion To Close Debate, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved To Close Debate on the whole subject. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President, I desire to offer a few words in debate."

*P.* "The motion To Close Debate is never debatable."

*S.* "Then why did the Chair inquire whether we were ready for the question?"

*P.* "To give opportunity for the presentation of questions of higher rank, as for example, the motion To Lay on the Table."

*S.* "I move To Lay on the Table."

*Willie Reddy.* "I second the motion, Mr. President."

*P.* "It is moved To Lay on the Table. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President, I suppose this question is debatable?"

*P.* "It is not. All in favor will manifest by the usual sign. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The question now recurs on the motion to Close Debate. Those in favor will manifest it. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. The question will next be taken on the motion To Commit. Those in favor will manifest it. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Sloman.* "Will the Chair please inform us as to the state of the question?"

*P.* "Certainly. Pending the motion offered by Miss Culver for the appointment of a committee of three by the Chair to have our new rooms fitted up and furnished under instructions of the Congress, or in the absence of instructions, in accordance with their own judgment, an amendment was offered by Mr. Dutcher to strike out the words following the word Congress. These two questions are now before us. The amendment will of course be voted upon first."

*Mr White.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "I desire to offer a further amendment."

*P.* "It is not now in order."

*W.* "There is but one amendment pending."

*P.* "True, but we are under the operation of the Previous Question, which not only cuts off further debate, but all further amendments as well. Are you ready for the question on the amendment? All in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is lost. The question will now be taken on the original motion as offered by Miss Culver. Those in favor will make it manifest. \* \* \* Those opposed. \* \* \* It is carried. The Chair will appoint as the committee Miss Culver, Mr. Clearhead and Mr. Makepeace."

"An apology is due Mr. Clearhead. The Chair had quite overlooked the appointment at our last meeting of that gentleman to present a paper this week on the Previous

Question. He cannot accuse us of being 'too previous' in calling him out. It would doubtless have helped us in our drill if we had listened to the paper first. As it is better late than never, we shall be pleased to listen now.'

*Mr. Clearhead.* "No apology would have been necessary, even if the paper had been omitted." (*reads.*)

#### THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

This question illustrates the changes which have taken place in this country in parliamentary methods. The English use of the Previous Question was to suppress the question before the house instead of the debate upon it. Its present use in this country is to shut off debate. When this is done, all further Subsidiary questions are excluded, except to Lay on the Table, and Questions of Order and Appeal. Further incidental questions are also cut off, except the motion to Excuse from Voting, to Take the Yeas and Nays, and to Open and Close nominations. When not otherwise voted this question applies to the main question with all its Preferred Questions. If it pleases the assembly it may be applied to a subsidiary question separate from the main question. When both propositions are presented, the question is first taken on the greater, and if that fails, then on the lesser question. The old form of stating this question, 'Shall the main question be now put?' is confusing to many people, because if carried and if there are amendments pending, these are put first. "Shall the debate now close?" is the form which is meeting with favor.

This question is useful in saving time when a subject has been thoroughly discussed. It is



also useful in preventing unprofitable discussions. It should, however, be used with judgment. Important arguments are sometimes first presented toward the close of a lengthy discussion. This question is used by the United States House of Representatives, but not by the United States Senate. The latter body is much smaller than the former, and besides the Senators are thus thrown more upon their dignity regarding discussions. It might be well for every member of a deliberative body to assume the dignity of a Senator, and consider well the Previous Question. It might save much valuable time, and save inconsiderate members from censure for talking too much. And in private life how important To Close Debate, before some unkind word has escaped, which never can be recalled. In many instances it were better To Close Debate before it commences. Some writer has well said that if speech is silver, silence is often golden. Then let us learn a lesson from our experience at our Congress, which shall always serve us both in public and private life, and lead us always to remember the Previous Question.

P. "We will now listen by common consent to a report from our Program Committee."

*Mr. Richardson reads* :—Your Committee on Program would recommend that our next topic be Questions of Order, to be opened by a paper by Miss Culver.

For the Committee.

SAMUEL D. RICHARDSON.

P. If there is no objection, the report will be considered as adopted. There being none, it is so ordered. What is the further pleasure of the Congress? If there is noth-

ing further we will now adjourn. It is so ordered. ”

## XII.

### QUESTIONS OF ORDER.

1886, FEBRUARY 20th, 7:30 P. M.

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#### COMMUNICATIONS AND NEW BUSINESS.

*President.* Our drill has been in connection with our usual business. This evening it is to have special reference to Questions of Order. A communication upon this subject is expected from Miss Culver, to whom we shall be pleased to listen.

*Miss Culver reads:*

Questions of Order are liable to arise at any time in a deliberative body. Their proper disposition is not only essential to the peace of the presiding officer, but to the harmony of the assembly. The motion To Lay on the Table is the only Subsidiary Question which outranks a Question of Order. When a question is before the assembly—whether or not there are Preferred Questions pending—and a Question of Order is raised, the whole subject may be removed by the adoption of a motion To Lay on the Table. If the subject should afterward be taken up, the Question of Order would then be the first question to decide. When a motion To Lay on the Table is made, a Question of Order may be applied to that motion, and when so applied it must be first settled. A Question of Order, though properly classified as a Subsidiary Question, partakes of the nature of a Privileged Question, because it may be applied to any other question. When a Question of Order is raised it may be submitted by the Chair to the assembly; otherwise the

Chair must decide it. The decision of the Chair is subject to Appeal. A member who is called to order should take his seat until the Question of Order is decided, after which, if he has not violated the rules of decorum, and if remarks are then in order, he may proceed. A second Question of Order cannot be raised until the first has been settled.

Unless the subject is deferred the Question of Order must be raised on the same day that the cause of it is presented. An exception is made in case the Question of Order should involve a question of law.

The best form for the Chairman to use in presenting an Appeal is: "Shall the decision of the Chair be reversed?" In any form it may be put, the decision is sustained unless a majority votes against it. The Question of Order is permitted, to facilitate the transaction of business. He who is forever trying to find some trivial pretext for raising Questions of Order, uses this question for a purpose directly opposite to that for which it was designed. Of course an exception is made in organizations of the character of ours. In private life the Question of Order is of no less importance than in deliberative bodies. We should be ever on the alert to raise Questions of Order about ourselves, and we should not consider them fully settled until we have taken an appeal to our consciences. Doubtless in this way we might save ourselves and others much trouble and vexation.

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I would respectfully offer the following resolution, and move its adoption :

*“Resolved, That our Librarian be paid two dollars per week for taking charge of the library.”*

*Mr. Force.* “Mr. President, I second the motion.”

*P.* “It is moved and seconded that the resolution just read be adopted. Are you ready to vote?”

*Mr. Culver.* “Mr. President.”

*P.* “Mr. Culver.”

*C.* “I move to amend by adding the words, ‘provided he shall be at the rooms from 8 to 9 A. M., and from 3 to 5 P. M.’”

*Mr. Dutcher.* “Mr. President, I second the motion.”

*P.* “It is moved and seconded that the words ‘provided he shall be at the rooms from 8 to 9 A. M., and from 3 to 5 P. M.’ be added.”

*Mr. Firman.* “Mr. President.”

*P.* “Mr. Firman.”

*F.* “I move to add to the amendment the words ‘Sundays excepted.’”

*Mr. Force.* “I second the motion, Mr. President.”

*P.* “It is moved to add to the amendment the words ‘Sundays Excepted.’”

*Mr. Frost.* “Mr. President.”

*P.* “Mr. Frost.”

*F.* “I move to insert in the second amendment the words ‘and Mondays.’”

*P.* “That would make three amendments, which are not admissible.”

*Mr. Goodenough.* “Mr. President.”

*P.* “Mr. Goodenough.”

*G.* “I move the following as a substitute for the whole:

*“Resolved—*

*P.* “A substitute can be entertained

only as an amendment, hence your motion is out of order at this time, as there are two amendments now pending. ”

G. “ I should have said I desired to give notice that in case the pending propositions are defeated I should move the adoption of the following :

“ *Resolved*——

*Mr. Knight.* “ Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order. ”

P. “ Mr. Knight will state his point of order. ”

*Mr. Knight.* “ If the resolution is not in order at this time I object to the reading. ”

P. “ The gentleman has a right to give notice, that the Congress may know what to expect if the pending propositions are voted down. ”

*Mr. Mayo.* “ Mr. President. ”

P. “ Mr. Goodenough was interrupted. He is entitled to the floor. ”

G. “ If the pending proposition is voted down, I propose to offer the following :

“ *Resolved*, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Chair to take charge of the rooms for three months, each member of the committee taking a day alternately. (*Pronounces it awlternately.*) I—— ”

*Mr. Richardson.* “ Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order. ”

P. “ The gentleman will state his Question of Order. ”

R. “ The gentleman pronounces the word alternately improperly. It should be pronounced with the a short, and with the accent on the second syllable. ”

P. “ The Chair is of the opinion that

pronunciation is not a subject for a Question of Order. Mr. Goodenough is entitled to the floor. ”

G. “ I was about to remark that I think it better for us all to take turns in looking after the rooms and thus save unnecessary expense. ”

P. “ The question is on the second amendment, to add the words ‘ Sundays excepted ’ to the first amendment. Are you ready to vote? ”

*Mr. Makepeace.* “ Mr. President. ”

P. “ Mr. Makepeace. ”

M. “ I move to lay both amendments on the table. ”

*Master Reddy.* “ Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order. ”

P. “ The gentleman will state his Question of Order. ”

R. “ There is no Preferred Question providing for laying on the table part of a pending subject. ”

P. “ The point is well taken. The gentleman may move To Lay on the Table, which motion if carried would carry the whole subject to the table. ”

*Mr. Sloman.* “ Mr. President, I appeal from your decision. ”

*Mr. Culver.* “ I second the appeal, Mr. President. ”

P. “ An appeal—— ”

*Mr. Dutcher.* “ Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order. ”

P. “ The gentleman will state his Question of Order. ”

D. “ If the decision of the Chair is right there is no motion To Table before us. If he is wrong then the motion To Table would take precedence over this appeal. ”

P. "The Chair must rule that the Question of Order is not well taken, for in case the Chair was wrong in the last ruling, this Appeal must be first decided, since it was applied directly to the motion To Lay on the Table."

D. "Mr. President, I appeal from your decision."

P. "We can entertain but one appeal at a time. The Chair decided that should a motion To Lay on the Table prevail it would carry with it the whole question. From this decision Mr. Sloman appeals. The question is, 'Shall the decision of the Chair be reversed?'" Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* All opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The decision of the Chair is sustained.

"The question now recurs on the second amendment as offered by Mr. Firman, to add to the first amendment the words, Sundays excepted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost.

"The question is now on the first amendment as offered by Mr. Culver."

Mr. Goodenough. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Goodenough."

G. "I now move the adoption of my substitute."

P. "Mr. Goodenough moves the adoption of his substitute, which is now in order. Will you have it read again? Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The question now recurs on the first amendment as offered by Mr. Culver. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is

carried. The question now recurs on the original motion as amended. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

"Is there any further new business? If there is no objection we will again open under the head of

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and listen to the report of the Committee on Program."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*Mr. Richardson reads:* "Your Committee on Program would recommend that our next topic be the motion To Lay on the Table. For the Committee,

SAML. D. RICHARDSON."

*P.* "If there is no objection the report will be considered as adopted."

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I for one should prefer to take up as a subject the Committee of the Whole."

*P.* "What is your pleasure?"

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Knight."

*K.* "I move to adopt the report of the committee."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to adopt the report. Are you ready? All who favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. We have concluded the Order of Business. If there is nothing further we will now adjourn. It is so ordered."



## XIII.

## TO LAY ON THE TABLE.

1886, FEBRUARY 27th. 7:30 P. M.

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND NEW BUSINESS.

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President."*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."*C.* "I move to strike out the Order of Business."*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."*P.* "The motion is to strike out our Order of Business. Are you ready?"*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President, I raise a Question of Order."*P.* "You will please state it."*R.* "I think a motion to amend the Special Laws must lie over till next meeting."*P.* "That is so only by special provision. Our Constitution provides otherwise. Are you ready to vote?"*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President."*P.* "Mr. Sloman."*S.* "I move to Lay on the Table."*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."*P.* "It is moved to Lay on the Table. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost."*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mr. President."*P.* "Mr. Makepeace."*M.* "I move to amend so as to strike out the Order of Business for this evening."*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "An amendment is offered to make the motion so read as to strike out the Order of Business for this evening."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Richardson."

R. "I move to Lay on the Table."

*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. It is moved to Lay on the Table. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

P. "Please state it."

G. "The motion to table has just been voted down."

P. "That was before the pending amendment was offered. That amendment being under consideration, the stage of business is changed and the motion to table is in order. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The question is now on the amendment. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The question is now on the original motion to strike out the Order of Business. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Knight."

K. "I move to Lay on the Table."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "As the motion to amend was lost, the stage of business is the same as when the motion to table was first offered. The motion is not, therefore, in order at this time."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Culver."

C. "I move to Postpone for one week."

Mr. Force. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Postpone for one week. Are you ready to vote?"

Master Reddy. "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

P. "Please state it."

R. "The chair ruled but a short time ago that it was not necessary for the question to lie over one week."

P. "The chair ruled that action on the motion would be in order this evening. Of course if the Club desires, it has a perfect right to postpone action."

Mr. Richardson. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Richardson."

R. "I move to Lay on the Table."

Master Reddy. "I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Lay on the Table. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. What is the further pleasure of the Club?"

Mr. Goodenough. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Goodenough."

G. "I move to Take from the Table the subject of repealing our Order of Business."

P. "The question having been tabled, a motion to Take from the Table will not be in order until another subject of business intervenes."

Mr. Whitney. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Whitney."

W. "I move we go into Committee of the Whole to consider the subject of amending our Special Laws."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that we go into Committee of the Whole to consider the subject of amending our Special Laws. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.'" \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I now move to Take from the Table the subject of striking out our Order of Business."

*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Take from the Table the subject of striking out our Order of Business. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "You will please state it."

*E.* "The chair ruled this evening that after a motion is lost the stage of business becomes the same as before it was presented. Before the motion to go into Committee of the Whole was made, a motion was offered to Take from the Table and the chair ruled it out of order. Now under the same stage of business the chair entertains the same motion."

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I move to Lay on the Table."

*P.* "The motion to Lay on the Table cannot be applied to the motion to Take from the Table."

*G.* "I move simply to Lay on the Table the Question of Order."

*P.* "That would not be in order because an original motion and its subsidiaries cau-

not be separated by a motion to table. The chair must overrule the Question of Order presented by Mr. Ellsworth. The motion to Lay on the Table is a Preferred Question and may be re-introduced at another stage of business or on another day. The motion to Take from Table is an original question and may be made or re-introduced after another subject of business intervenes. The question before us is that offered by Mr. Good-enough to Take from the Table. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Sloman."

*S.* "I wish to discuss this question a little."

*P.* "It is not debatable."

*S.* "I thought all original questions were debatable."

*P.* "There are some exceptions to the rule."

*S.* "Then I move to Postpone for one week."

*P.* "No subsidiary motion can be applied to the motion to Take from the Table. Are you ready to vote? All in favor of Taking from the Table will say 'Aye,' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. This brings up the original motion to strike out our Order of Business, and the subsidiary motion to Postpone for one week. Action must first be taken on the latter. Are you ready for the question of postponement?"

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I move to Lay on the Table."

*P.* "That motion is not now in order as the subject has just been taken up. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say

'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \*  
 \* It is lost. The question now recurs on  
 the motion to strike out the Order of Busi-  
 ness. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \*  
 Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried.  
 What is your further pleasure?"

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "Your Committee on Program is  
 ready to report."

*P.* "If there is no objection we will  
 receive the report. It is so ordered."

*Mr. Richardson reads:* "Your Program  
 Committee would recommend that our next  
 topic be Special Orders.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL D. RICHARDSON."

*P.* "If there is no other motion the  
 question will be on the adoption of the  
 report. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "I move the consideration of this  
 report be made a Special Order for our next  
 meeting."

*Mr. Seymour.* "Mr. President, I second  
 the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to make this report a  
 Special Order for our next meeting. Are  
 you ready?"

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "move to Lay on the Table."

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr. President, I second  
 the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Lay on the Table.  
 Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye,'  
 \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is  
 lost."

*P.* "The question recurs on the motion to make the consideration of the report a Special Order for our next meeting. Are you ready?"

All who favor will say 'Aye,' \* \* \*  
Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried.

*Mr. White.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "I move that a committee be appointed by the chair to revise our By-Laws."

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that a committee be appointed by the Chair to revise our By-Laws. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "I move to make this subject a Special Order for our next meeting."

*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to make this subject a Special Order for our next meeting. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. What is your further pleasure?"

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I move to adjourn."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It it moved that we now adjourn. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The meeting is adjourned."

## XIV.

## SPECIAL ORDERS.

1886, March 6th, 7:30 P. M.

*President.* "The club will now come to order. We will listen to the reading of the journal."

*The Secretary reads minutes of last meeting.*

*P.* "Are there any corrections to be made? If not the minutes will be approved as read. \* \* \* It is so ordered."

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move to amend Sec. 3 of Art. IV. of the Constitution by inserting the word 'finally' between the words 'be' and 'acted.'"

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that Sec. 3 of Art. IV. of our Constitution be amended by inserting the word 'finally' between the words 'be' and 'acted.'" Action on this motion must lie over until the next meeting. The secretary will read the motion, that we may all understand it.

*Secretary reads it.*

*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "You will please state it."

*R.* "At the last meeting the chair ruled that an amendment to our laws might be acted upon at once."

*P.* "That decision referred to our special laws. If the gentleman will examine Art. IV. of our Constitution, he will find that amendments to the Constitution must



be read at two consecutive regular meetings before action, but that our special laws may be changed at any time "

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. President. "

*P.* "Mr. Whitney. "

*W.* "I move the appointment of a committee to revise our Constitution and report at our next meeting. "

*Mr. Force.* "I second the motion, Mr. President. "

*P.* "It is moved that a committee be appointed to revise our Constitution and report at our next meeting. Are you ready to vote?"

*Master Reddy.* "Mr. President. "

*P.* "Master Reddy. "

*Master Reddy.* "As the object of this motion is to amend the Constitution I suppose it must be read at another meeting before action is taken?"

*P.* "This is a proposition to get ready to amend. The committee may be appointed this evening if the club desire it, but before the report is adopted it must be read at two consecutive regular meetings. "

*Mr. Culver.* "Mr. President. "

*P.* "Mr. Culver. "

*C.* "I move that the same committee be charged with the consideration of the advisability of holding our meetings fortnightly. "

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. President, I second the amendment. "

*P.* "It is moved in amendment that the same committee be charged with the consideration of the advisability of holding our meetings fortnightly. Are you ready to vote on the amendment?"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President. "

P. "Mr. Clearhead."

C. "I move to Take up the Special Orders."

P. "It is moved to Take up the Special Orders. Are you ready?"

Mr. Force. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Force."

F. "That motion was not seconded."

P. "It is one of the few questions that require no second."

Mr. Sloman. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Sloman."

S. "I should like to know what all this is about. Does the gentleman move this as a second amendment? If so, how does it apply to the first?"

P. "It is not an amendment, but a main question."

S. "Then should not the question first introduced be the first to be decided?"

P. "With the consent of the Club the chair will explain for the benefit of those who may not understand why this motion is permitted to take the place of the former one. A motion to Lay on the Table is never offered as an amendment to a pending motion. It is offered because it is a question of higher rank than the one pending, but, like all other Subsidiary Questions, it must refer to the subject before the assembly. There is a class of questions of higher privilege, known as Privileged Questions. These are entitled to *interrupt* the proceedings and receive attention first. The motion to adjourn is a familiar example. That motion never relates to the pending question, but it is entitled to be first considered because of its greater importance. There are other questions considered of greater

importance than ordinary motions, which are also known as Privileged Questions. Last week, the Club, by vote, made the consideration of certain topics Special Orders for this evening. Our vote vested those topics with so much importance that the motion made at this meeting to take them up, is privileged to interrupt and take the place of less important business. Preferred Questions may be divided into two classes: Privileged and Auxiliary. Auxiliary Questions pertain to the subject before the assembly, or aid in properly disposing of it, while Privileged Questions interrupt the proceedings and demand attention, after which the subject interrupted may be settled. Auxiliary Questions are divided into two classes: Subsidiary and Incidental. Subsidiary Questions are Grade Questions, each having a different rank, while Incidental Questions are all of the same grade, the one first presented being entitled to consideration before another is offered.

“A Privileged Question is now before us, viz. : To Take up the Special Orders. If it is lost, we shall resume the business interrupted. If carried, we shall first dispose of the business which is known as Special Orders. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say ‘Aye.’ \* \* \* Opposed, ‘No.’ \* \* \* It is carried. Election of officers is, by our Constitution, made a Special Order for this evening, and as Special Orders established by law outrank those established by vote, our next business will be the election of officers. Our Constitution provides that the election may take place with or without nomination. What is your pleasure?”

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move the election of each officer be preceded by open nominations."

*Mr. Firman.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that the election of each officer be preceded by open nominations. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. Please make nominations for President."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "I would nominate our present incumbent."

*P.* "In an organization of this kind, formed for the purpose of giving and receiving instruction in methods, it would seem selfish for one person to hold the principal office for more than one term, therefore, though fully appreciating the honor of a nomination for a second term, I feel it my duty to decline a re-election."

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I would nominate Mr. Whitney."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney is nominated."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "I nominate Miss Culver for the office of President."

*P.* "Miss Culver is nominated."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I nominate Col. Reddy."

*P.* "Col. Reddy is nominated."

*Mr. Seymour.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Seymour."

S. "I nominate Mr. Clearhead."

P. "Mr. Clearhead is nominated. Are there any further nominations?"

Mr. Firman. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Firman."

F. "I move nominations be now closed."

Miss Whitney. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "If there is no objection, nominations will be closed."

Mr. Frost. "I object because I would like to make another nomination."

P. "We shall then be obliged to put the question to vote. As many as are in favor of closing nominations will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

Mr. Whitney. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Whitney."

W. "I rise to decline the nomination."

P. "Mr. Whitney declines."

Col. Reddy. "Mr. President."

P. "Col. Reddy."

R. "I would respectfully decline the nomination."

P. "Col. Reddy declines."

Mr. Clearhead. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Clearhead."

C. "I also desire to decline."

P. "Mr. Clearhead declines. Will the Secretary please read the names of the candidates?"

Secretary. "Miss Culver is the only remaining candidate."

Mr. Frost. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Frost."

F. "I move we Open Nominations."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Open Nominations. Are you ready to vote? All who favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "I move the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Club for Miss Culver."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Club for Miss Culver. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is unanimous, and therefore it is carried."

*Secretary.* "I have cast the ballot for Miss Culver as President."

*P.* "Miss Culver is declared duly elected President of this Club for the ensuing term."

Nominations for Vice-President are now in order."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "I would nominate Mr. White."

*P.* "Mr. White is nominated. Are any other nominations to be made? If not nominations will be closed. \* \* \* It is so ordered."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I move the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Congress for Mr. White."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Congress for Mr. White as Vice-President. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Sloman."

S. "It seems to me this motion has been put often enough in this Congress without being challenged. I rise to a question of order. The constitution provides that the officers shall be elected by ballot. This method is at best but an evasion of the constitution."

P. "The gentleman can easily prevent this proceeding by voting against the motion. It can only pass by unanimous vote. If it is unanimous the single ballot will express the wish of the whole Congress. If not unanimous we must vote by separate ballot. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye'. \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is unanimous."

*Secretary.* "Mr. President, the ballot is cast for Mr. White as Vice-President."

P. "Mr. White is elected as your first Vice-President."

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Goodenough,"

G. "I move the further election of officers be suspended until the other business of the evening is concluded."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved and seconded that the further balloting be suspended until the other business of the evening is concluded. Is the Congress ready for the question? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is so ordered. The next Order of

the Day is the consideration of the report made at the last meeting by the Committee on Program. The Secretary will read."

*The Secretary reads:*

Your Program Committee would recommend that our next topic be Special Orders.

P. "If there is no other motion the question is on the adoption of the report. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The next Order of the Day is the motion made at our last meeting for the Chair to appoint a committee to revise our By-Laws. The question is on its adoption. Are you ready to vote?"

Mr. Ellsworth. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Ellsworth."

E. "I move we adjourn."

Mr. Force. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. It is moved and seconded that we now adjourn. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. Are you ready for the question on appointing the committee? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Chair will appoint Mr. White, Miss Whitney and Mr. Knight. This disposes of our Special Orders. We will now resume consideration of the subject interrupted by the motion to take up the Special Orders. The Secretary will read from the journal."

*Secretary reads:*

"Mr. Whitney moved the appointment of a committee to revise our Constitution and report at our next meeting.

"Mr. Culver moved an amendment that



the same committee be charged with the consideration of the advisability of holding our meetings fortnightly. ''

P. ''The question, then, will first be taken on the amendment. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. \* \* \* The question now recurs on the original motion as amended. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. ''

'Is there any other business to be presented before balloting? Then nominations will be in order for second Vice-President. ''

*Mr. Frost.* '' Mr. President. ''

P. '' Mr. Frost. ''

F. '' I nominate Mr. Mayo. ''

P. '' Mr. Mayo is nominated. ''

*Mr. Force.* '' Mr. President. ''

P. '' Mr. Force. ''

F. '' I nominate Willie Reddy. ''

P. '' Willie Reddy is nominated. ''

*Mr. Ellsworth.* '' Mr. President. ''

P. '' Mr. Ellsworth. ''

E. '' I nominate Mr. Dutcher. ''

P. '' Mr. Dutcher is nominated. Are there more nominations to be made? If not nominations will close. \* \* \* It is so ordered. The Secretary will read the names of the candidates. ''

*Secretary reads:* Mr. Mayo, Willie Reddy and Mr. Dutcher.

P. '' Please write your ballots. The Chair will appoint as tellers Mr. Makepeace and Mr. Firman. They will please collect the ballots. ''

*The tellers pass ballot boxes.*

P. "Have all voted who wish? If so the ballot will be closed. \* \* \* It is so ordered."

*The Tellers turn the boxes and proceed to count.*

Mr. Makepeace. "Mr. President."

P. "We will attend to the report of the tellers."

*Mr. Makepeace reads:*

Whole number of votes cast, ....	19
Necessary to a choice, .....	10
Mr. Mayo received.....	1
Willie Reddy " .....	1
Mr. Dutcher " .....	1
Miss Whitney " .....	16

P. "We might have saved our time spent in making nominations, as you have made choice of Miss Whitney as second Vice-President."

Mr. Clearhead. "Mr. President."

P. "Mr. Clearhead."

C. "I move the appointment of a committee to nominate a candidate for each of the remaining offices."

Mr. Force. "Mr. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to appoint a committee to nominate a candidate for each of the remaining offices. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Chair will name Mr. Clearhead, Miss Culver and Mr. Goodenough."

*Committee retire, and on returning report.*

Mr. Clearhead. "Mr. President."

P. "The report of the Committee on Nominations is now in order."

*Mr. Clearhead reads :*

Your Committee on Nominations would report the following candidates :

For Secretaries, . . . . Mr. Dutcher.

Mr. Makepeace.

For Treasurer, . . . . Mr. Whitney.

For Librarian, . . . . Willie Reddy.

*P.* "Are there further nominations to be made? If not nominations are closed.

\* \* \* It is so ordered."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Congress for the persons nominated by the committee."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Congress for the persons nominated by the committee. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Secretary.* "The ballot has been cast for Mr. Dutcher as Secretary, Mr. Makepeace as second Secretary, Mr. Whitney as Treasurer, and Willie Reddy as Librarian."

*P.* "And these officers are declared duly elected. This closes our election. The officers elect will please take their respective places."

*The chairs are vacated and the new officers take their official seats.*

*Miss Culver.* "Gentlemen and Ladies: But for the uniform courtesy shown our officers, and the exceedingly pleasant relations which have existed between our mem-

bership from the first, I should accept this position, if at all, with great reluctance. Knowing you all so well and feeling the assurance that you will overlook my errors, I am quite willing to do what I can in the way of official service. By keeping the example of my predecessor in mind I hope to make a partial success.

The Chair will name as a Program Committee for the term: Mr. Makepeace, Mrs. Reddy, and Mr. Firman. What is your pleasure?"

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move to adjourn."

*Mr. Richardson.* "I second the motion, Mrs. President."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that we now adjourn. All who favor the motion will respond 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The meeting is adjourned."

## XV.

### SUBJECTS OF PRIVILEGE.

1886, March 13th, 7:30 P. M.

\* \* \* \* \*

*P.* "What is the pleasure of the Congress?"

*Secretary.* "Miss President, a report is due from the Committee on Revision of By-Laws."

*Mr. White.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "Your Committee on Revision of By-Laws is prepared to report."

*P.* "What is the pleasure of the Congress?"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

C. "I move the report be received."

Mr. Force. "Miss President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to receive the report. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will respond 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

Mr. White reads:

#### TO THE STUDENTS' CONGRESS:

Your Committee appointed at last meeting to revise our By-Laws would recommend the following to take the place of those now in use:

#### BY-LAWS.

ART. 1. A REGULAR MEETING shall be held on Saturday evening of each week at 7:30 o'clock.

ART. 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS shall be called by the President and Secretary on the written request of five members.

ART. 3. A QUORUM shall consist of five members.

ART. 4. A PROGRAM COMMITTEE of three shall be appointed by the President at the commencement of each official term.

ART. 5. A FINANCE COMMITTEE of three shall be appointed by the President at the commencement of each official term.

ART. 6. A TRUSTEE shall be elected by ballot at the first regular meeting in January of each year, to serve until his successor is elected. He shall have charge of the business interests of the Congress, acting under its instructions.

ART. 7. THE TREASURER shall at the close of his official term present a full and

ten report of his receipts and expenditures.  
Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,  
FANNIE WHITNEY,  
R. M. KNIGHT.

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I move the adoption of the report."

*Mr. Seymour.* "Miss President, I second the motion."

*Willie Reddy.* "Miss President, I move to Lay on the Table."

*P.* "One motion at a time. It is moved to adopt the report. Are you ready for the question?"

*Willie Reddy.* "Miss President."

*P.* "Mr. Reddy."

*R.* "I move to Lay on the Table."

*Mr. Force.* "Miss President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Lay on the Table. Are you ready for the question? All who favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The report goes to the table."

*Mr. Frost.* "Miss President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "There seems to be a lack of uniformity in addressing our present presiding officer. I move the appointment of a committee of two ladies to report at this or our next meeting the proper form of addressing the Chair when the President is an unmarried lady."

*Willie Reddy.* "I second the motion, Miss President."

*P.* "It is moved that a committee of two ladies be appointed to report at this or our next meeting the proper form of address-

ing the Chair when the President is an unmarried lady. Are you ready to vote? All who favor the motion will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed will say 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Chair will appoint Mrs. Reddy and Miss Whitney."

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move that we now consider the proposition presented at our last meeting to amend our Constitution."

*P.* "If there is no objection that subject will be taken up without a motion. \* \* \* It is so ordered. The Secretary will read."

*Secretary reads:*

A motion was made by Mr. Dutcher and seconded by Mr. Frost to amend Sec. 3 of Art. IV of the Constitution by inserting the word "finally" between the words "be" and "acted."

*P.* "Are you ready for the question upon this amendment? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "I move to take from the Table the report of the Committee on Revision of the By-Laws."

*Mr. White.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to take from the Table the report of the Committee on Revision of the By-Laws. Are you ready to vote. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The report is before you."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Ellsworth."

E. "I should like to hear the report read again."

P. "The Secretary will read it."

*Secretary reads it.*

*Mr Richardson.* "Mrs. President,"

P. "Mr. Richardson."

R. "I move to amend Art. 6 by substituting the words 'Three Trustees' for the words 'A Trustee.'"

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to strike out the words 'A Trustee' in Art. 6 and insert the words 'Three Trustees.' Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Goodenough."

G. "I am not in favor of the proposed amendment, because——"

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President, I rise to a Subject of Privilege."

P. "The gentleman will state it."

F. "One of the boys knowing that the members of the committee appointed at this meeting desired to be present when this report was being considered, has locked the door of the room in which the committee are sitting and has taken away the key. I move that Willie Reddy be appointed a committee to procure a key to the room and that business be suspended until the prisoners are released."

*Mr Firman.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved that Willie Reddy be appointed a committee to procure a key to the committee room and that business be suspended until the committee is released."



*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President, I shall be obliged to raise a Question of Order."

*P.* "The gentleman will state it."

*C.* "It is a rule of Parliamentary Law (104 b) that a committee shall not sit without permission during a Sitting of the assembly. Inasmuch as permission was not given this committee, I think this is not properly a Subject of Privilege."

*P.* "The motion to appoint the Committee instructed them to report at this or the next meeting. The Chair must rule that permission to report at this meeting was permission to sit while the Congress is sitting. Are there any further remarks? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. Master Reddy will please be as expeditious as possible."

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Reddy."

*R.* "The Committee is released."

*P.* "We will then resume the consideration of the subject interrupted, the report of the Committee on Revision of the By-Laws. A motion was made to strike out of Section 6 the words 'A Trustee' and insert the words 'Three Trustees'. Upon this question Mr. Goodenough had the floor."

*G.* "I was about to say that I was not in favor of the proposed amendment because I think that one Trustee will be more likely to attend to the business promptly than would three."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "I am decidedly in favor of the proposed amendment. It is the only proper safeguard for the Congress. Under our

present rule I doubt not our money is being squandered or appropriated to private use. I——”

*Mr. Knight.* “Mrs. President, I rise to a Question of Order.”

*P.* “The Question of Order is obvious. If the gentleman continues he should avoid personal reflections.”

*F.* “Of course I shall continue and I propose to say just what I mean. I say the Committee was composed of fools to bring in such a report and the Congress is a pack of idiots to entertain it.”

*Mr. Knight.* “Mrs. President, I rise to a Subject of Privilege and move that the offensive language of the last speaker be taken down.”

*P.* “The motion would be in order but it is also within the province of the Chair to so order without vote. The Secretary will at once record the language and read it.”

*The Secretary reads:*

“A point of order was raised and the Chair cautioned Mr. Frost to avoid unpleasant reflections in case his remarks were continued, whereupon that gentleman said:

“Of course I shall continue and I propose to say just what I mean. I say the Committee was composed of fools to bring in such a report and the Congress is a pack of idiots to entertain it.”

*P.* “Is the gentleman satisfied with the record made by the Secretary? If there is no objection the record will stand approved.

\* \* \* It is so ordered.”

*Mr. Knight.* “Mrs. President.”

*P.* “Mr. Knight.”

*K.* “I move Mr. Frost be declared in contempt.”

*Mr. Firman.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that Mr. Frost be declared in contempt. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "How can this motion be entertained while the questions relating to By-Laws are pending?"

*P.* "Because the question of contempt in open assembly is a question of the highest privilege and is entitled to interrupt the other business and to receive attention first. Are you ready to vote? All in favor of the motion will manifest by saying 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. What is your further pleasure?"

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move Mr. Frost be expelled."

*Mr. Mayo.* "I second the motion, Mrs. President."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that Mr. Frost be expelled. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "Have we a right to expel a member in this summary manner? Has he not a right to a trial before expulsion?"

*P.* "This is a summary proceeding. For contempt in open assembly a member may be expelled or otherwise dealt with at once." (33)

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Sloman."

*S.* "I move to Postpone for one week."

*Mr. Reddy.* "I second the motion, Mrs. President."

*P.* "It is moved to Postpone for one week."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "Have we a right to postpone for one week and then act on it without a regular trial?"

*P.* "The offensive language is now agreed to and recorded. It may therefore become a cause for discipline now or hereafter. If the language had not been taken down before the intervention of other business, we could not have made it a basis of discipline without a regular trial. Are you ready for the question on postponement? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No' \* \* \* It is lost. The question now recurs on the motion to expel."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I move to Lay on the Table."

*Mr. Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Lay on the Table. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "Inasmuch as it would be a burning disgrace to be expelled from this Congress, and, inasmuch as the objectionable language used by me was for the express purpose of drill. I most humbly apologize to the President and the Congress and trust I may be forgiven."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Makepeace."

*M.* "In view of the explanation given, I move to strike out the penalty proposed and insert 'reprimanded by the Chair.'"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to substitute the words 'reprimanded by the Chair' for the word 'Expelled.' Are you ready to vote? All in favor will respond 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. Are you ready for the question on the motion as amended?"

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. President."

*F.* "I am in favor of the reprimand, if the Chair will give him a good one. We don't get a chance at a member very often. Now we have him in our power I want a little fun over it."

*P.* "Anything more to be said? All in favor of the motion as amended will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*P.* *Mr. Frost (Mr. Frost rises):* It is with mingled feelings of levity, mock gravity and assumed dignity that I address you. You have insulted a body, compared with which, in the estimation of its members, so far as dignity and self-respect are concerned, the United States Congress is but a pigmy. This august Congress will not submit quietly to insults. You see before you the assembled dignity and wisdom of Unionville. Unionville resents the insult and hurls it back with righteous indignation. Nevertheless Unionville is magnanimous. A moment ago we looked down with scorn upon the offender,

but your manly apology brought us to your feet. You have made yourself a martyr to the cause of learning and bring to mind Lowell's couplet as he pictures

'Truth forever on the scaffold  
Wrong forever on the throne.'

From the part you have acted we may all learn a lesson, namely, to have the courage to make amends for the wrong we may do ''

*Mrs. Reddy.* ' 'Mrs. President. ' '

*P.* ' 'Mrs. Reddy. ' '

*R.* ' 'Your special committee appointed this evening, is ready to report. ' '

*P.* ' 'The question before us when our proceedings were interrupted by a Subject of Privilege, was the proposed amendment to the report of the Committee on By-Laws. ' '

*Mr. White.* ' 'Mrs. President. ' '

*P.* ' 'Mr. White. ' '

*W.* ' 'I move to Lay on the Table. ' '

*Mr. Reynolds.* ' 'Mrs. President, I second the motion. ' '

*P.* ' 'It is moved to Lay on the Table. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. If there is no objection, we will listen to Mrs. Reddy's report. It is so ordered. ' '

*Mrs. Reddy reads :*

' 'To the Students' Congress : ' '

Your committee appointed to consider the proper form for addressing our President when that officer is an unmarried lady would make the following suggestions: Mrs. and Miss were both contractions of Mistress, though the former, when used as a form of address, is pronounced Missis. Mrs. was

formerly used in addressing matronly ladies whether married or single, and in some places this custom seems not to be wholly obsolete. As mistress signifies one in authority or power we are of the opinion that a lady who occupies the Chair, whether young or old, married or single, should be addressed as 'Missis President' or 'Madam President.'"

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. REDDY,  
F. WHITNEY."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "Though this report was prepared by women and refers to women, it is a masterly one and I move its adoption."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to adopt the report. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. What is your further pleasure?"

*Mr. Seymour.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Seymour."

*S.* "I move we adjourn."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that we now adjourn. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is so ordered and the meeting is adjourned."

## XVI.

## ADJOURNMENT.

1886, March 20th, 7:30 P. M.

\* \* \* \* \*

*President.* "The minutes of last meeting having been approved and as we are without an Order of Business, the Chair will await the pleasure of the Congress."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "I move to Take from the Table the report of the Committee on Revision of the By-Laws."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Take from the Table the report of the Committee on Revision of the By-Laws. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Secretary will read."

*Secretary reads report and adds:*

"A motion was made to amend the report by striking out the words 'A Trustee' and inserting the words 'Three Trustees.'"

*P.* "The question now before us is: 'Shall the amendment be adopted?' Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "I move to Take up Seriatim."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Take up Seriatim."



Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Secretary will read the first article."

*Secretary reads.*

*Mr. Seymour.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Seymour."

*S.* "I move to strike out this Article."

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that this Article be struck out. Are you ready? All who favor will respond 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Secretary will read the next Article."

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Sloman."

*S.* "I move to Adjourn."

*Mr. Firman.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to adjourn. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The Secretary will read Article 2."

*The Secretary reads it.*

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move to strike out this Article."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to strike out this Article. Are you ready to vote? Those in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Secretary will read the next Article."

*The Secretary reads it.*

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Dutcher."

D. "I move its adoption."

P. "It is moved to adopt. Are you ready?"

Mr. Force. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Force."

F. "Is it not necessary to amend the number of the Article to have it read 'Article 1?'"

P. "If the Congress should not desire to change the order in which the Articles stand the Secretary has power to number the Articles in consecutive order (73 f). Are there any further remarks? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' It is carried."

*The remaining Articles are then adopted in regular order, Except Article 4, which is struck out.*

Mr. White. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. White."

W. "I move to adopt the report as a whole."

Mr. Frost. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to adopt the report as a whole. Are you ready to vote?"

Mr. Force. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Force."

F. "I move to Adjourn."

Mr. Reddy. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Adjourn. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. Are you ready to vote on the question of adopting the report of the committee as a whole?"

Mr. Mayo. "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "Will the President please explain the effect of this vote? If we had adjourned under the last vote would the old or the new By-Laws have been in force?"

*P.* "The old."

*M.* "Having adopted the new By-Laws separately, how were these separate votes annulled?"

*P.* "The force of the old By-Laws has not been annulled. The separate action on the proposed By-Laws was simply an approval of their form. The report recommends their adoption in place of the old code. The recommendation has not been adopted. If a motion had been made to adopt the first part of the report, which included the recommendation, that would have been sufficient, but a motion to adopt the report as a whole covers the ground. Are there any further remarks? All in favor of the motion to adopt the report as a whole (as amended) will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The new By-Laws are now in force."

*Miss Whitney.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Miss Whitney."

*W.* "I move to Adjourn."

*Mrs. Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Adjourn. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "I move that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet on Monday evening next at 7:30."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet next Monday evening, at 7:30. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Firman.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I move to Amend by making it next Saturday evening at 7:30."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Amend by making it next Saturday evening at 7:30. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "I move to Amend the amendment by making it 8 o'clock instead of 7:30."

*Mr. Firman.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Amend the amendment by making the hour 8 o'clock instead of 7:30. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move to make the evening Thursday instead of Monday or Saturday."

*P.* "To relieve the question of complications it will be better to treat it as of the nature of filling blanks. As we shall be able to fix the hour more satisfactorily after we determine the day, we better decide upon the latter first. Monday, Thursday and Saturday have been named. Are any further nominations to be made?"

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mrs. President, I nominate Friday."

*P.* "Friday is named. Are you ready to vote? We will first vote on the most remote time. All who favor Saturday will

say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \*  
 \* \* It is lost. Those who favor Friday  
 will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.'  
 \* \* \* It is lost. Those who favor Thurs-  
 day will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed,  
 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. We will  
 now consider the hour; 7:30 and 8 are  
 named. Any further nominations?"

*Mr. Richardson.* "I would nominate  
 7:45, Mrs. President."

*P.* "7:45 is named. Are you ready to  
 vote? All who favor 8 o'clock will say  
 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \*  
 It is lost. All who favor 7:45 will say  
 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is  
 lost. All who favor 7:30 will say 'Aye.'  
 \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is  
 carried. The question now recurs on the  
 motion to Adjourn. All in favor will say  
 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \*  
 \* It is lost."

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I move to Reconsider the vote  
 adopting the report of the Committee on  
 Revision."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second  
 the motion."

*P.* "The Chair must rule that motion  
 out of order. The motion to Reconsider is  
 of American origin and is properly used only  
 as a last resort, that is when the object can-  
 not be attained in any other way. Our  
 new By-Laws have been adopted and we  
 are working under them. The Constitution  
 provides the manner of amendment and they  
 can be amended in no other way. If it  
 provided that one or two weeks' notice must  
 be given, we should be obliged to conform

to that rule, but the Constitution provides that the By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote at any time. The correct way not only, but the simpler way, to change them, is by direct vote.

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I move to Amend our By-Laws by inserting the provision recommended by the late Committee on Revision, for a regular meeting."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Amend the By-Laws by inserting the provision recommended by the late Committee on Revision, for a regular meeting. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move to Amend by striking out the word 'Saturday' and inserting the word 'Thursday.'"

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Amend by striking out the word 'Saturday' and inserting the word 'Thursday.' Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Knight.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Knight."

*K.* "I move to Close Debate."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Close Debate. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "I move we adjourn."

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Adjourn. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The question recurs on the motion to Close Debate. Are you ready? All who favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The question now recurs on the motion to Amend by striking out the word 'Saturday' and inserting the word 'Thursday.' Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The question now recurs on the original motion to Amend. Are you ready?"

*Mrs. Reddy.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mrs. Reddy."

*R.* "I move to Adjourn."

*Miss Whitney.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to adjourn. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Congress stands adjourned until next Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock."

## XVII.

### INCIDENTAL QUESTIONS.

1886, March 25, 7:30 P. M.

\* \* \* \* \*

*P.* "The minutes having been approved, the next business in order will be the consideration of the motion offered at last meeting, to Amend our By-Laws by inserting the provision for a regular meeting, contained in the report of the late Committee on the Revis-

ion of By-Laws. The Previous Question had been adopted. Are you ready to vote on the proposition to Amend? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. "

*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President. "

*P.* "Mr. Culver. "

*C.* "I move to amend our Constitution by striking out the words 'and each alternate month thereafter,' from Sec. 2 of Art. III. ' "

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion. "

*P.* "It is moved to Amend Sec. 2 of Art. III. of the Constitution by striking out the words, 'and each alternate month thereafter.' "

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President. "

*P.* "Mr. Richardson. "

*R.* "I move to Amend by striking out the words, 'and each month thereafter.' "

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the amendment. "

*P.* "It is moved to amend the amendment by striking from it the words, 'and each month thereafter.' "

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President, permit me to raise a Question of Order. "

*P.* "Please state it. "

*F.* "Amendments must lie over until next meeting before action is taken. "

*P.* "Final action cannot be taken until the proposed amendment is read at two consecutive regular meetings. If no action is taken at this meeting and the proposition should be amended at our next meeting, the amendment as amended would have to be laid over one week for action. Are there any remarks on the second amendment? All in



favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed  
'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "If the amendment is adopted as amended, how will it affect the Constitution?"

*P.* "It will simply strike from it the word alternate."

*C.* "Then I wish to withdraw the proposition of amendments."

*P.* "It can only be done by unanimous vote or consent. Is there any objection to its withdrawal?"

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President, I object."

*P.* "Then it cannot be withdrawn."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "I move to Reconsider the last amendment."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Reconsider the last vote. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "The amendment to the proposition, if not reconsidered, will destroy the object of the amendment proposed by me. That was to make the election of officers occur annually instead of bi-monthly, as at present. The way my proposition has been changed, it will make elections occur monthly. I am therefore in favor of reconsideration."

*P.* "Are there any further remarks?  
All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The

question now is, "Shall the last amendment be adopted?" "

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "I thought we had reconsidered that motion."

*P.* "We have not yet. We have voted to do so, and the subject is now under consideration. Are there any remarks? As many as favor the adoption of Mr. Richardson's amendment will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* As many as oppose it 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. Are there any more amendments to be presented this evening. If not, the subject goes over for final action at our next meeting."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "I move to Suspend the Rules and vote on the amendment this evening."

*P.* "That would not be in order."

*F.* "I offer it as an Incidental Question."

*P.* "We have no power to suspend the provisions of the Constitution."

*Mr. White.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. White."

*W.* "I move a committee be appointed to raise a subscription of three hundred dollars for the purpose of adding new books to our library."

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to appoint a committee to raise a subscription of three hundred dollars for the purpose of adding new books to our library. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "As this is an important question, I move the time allotted each speaker upon this question be extended three minutes."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to extend the time for speaking on this question to three minutes each. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President, there is a question before the Congress."

*P.* "Yes there are now two. The last one offered comes in as an Incidental Question, and must be first decided."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "I move the secretary now read a list of the books at present in our library."

*P.* "The motion is not in order at this time."

*M.* "I offer it as an Incidental Question."

*P.* "Incidental Questions are of equal rank. The one now pending must be disposed of before another can be entertained which has reference to the main question. Are you ready to vote? Those in favor of extending the time of speakers on this question to three minutes will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "I move that the secretary read the names of the books at present in our library."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved and seconded that the secretary read the names of the books now in our library. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mrs. President, I would like to discuss that question a little."

*P.* "Incidental Questions are not debatable. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mrs. President, I move to Reconsider the vote just taken."

*P.* "Incidental Questions cannot be reconsidered. The question recurs on Mr. White's motion to appoint the committee."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move to strike out the words, 'adding new books to our library,' and insert the words, 'renting more commodious rooms.'"

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to strike out the words 'adding new books to our library,' and insert the words 'renting more commodious rooms.' Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The question recurs on the original motion as amended."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "Perhaps I should have stated, but I supposed it was well understood, that if we add to our library three hundred dollars worth of books, a larger room will be provided without extra charge to the Congress. I move to Reconsider our last vote."

*Mr. White.* "I second the motion, Mrs. President."

*P.* "It is moved to Reconsider the amendment just adopted. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Frost.* "A little discussion may make all plain. I——,"

*P.* "This is an Incidental Question, and Incidental Questions are not debatable."

*F.* "A short time ago there was a motion to Amend a proposition to change the Constitution. At that time the Chair permitted debate on the motion to Reconsider."

*P.* "Quite true. The motion to Reconsider is an original question if offered when there is no motion pending, and it may then be debated. The motion to Amend our Constitution could not be acted upon this evening, so the motion to Reconsider the amendment was original. The present motion to Reconsider is Incidental, because it was made while another motion was pending. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The question of adopting Mr. Ellsworth's amendment is now before you. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The question now recurs on the original motion to appoint a committee to raise funds. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* All opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Chair will appoint as that committee Mr. White, Mrs. Reddy and Mr. Clearhead."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "I move the appointment of a committee of three to get up a literary entertainment for the purpose of raising funds for the library, and also for the appointment of a committee of three to devise some other method for raising funds."

*Willis Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "You have heard the motion. It will be stated again if desired. The mover will please reduce it to writing. Are there any remarks?"

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* Mr. Dutcher."

*D.* "I move to Divide."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* It is moved to Divide. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I move to Postpone for one week."

*P.* "That motion will not be in order until we have acted on the motion to Divide. Incidental questions outrank debatable Subsidiary questions. Are you ready to vote? All who favor dividing the question will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. We will first vote on the question of appointing a committee to get up a literary entertainment. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I move to Postpone for one week, and to instruct our secretary to notify absent members of the proposed action."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Postpone for one week, and to instruct our secretary to notify absent members of the proposed action."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move to Divide."

*Mr. Whitney.* " Mrs. President, I second the motion. "

*P.* " It is moved to Divide. "

*Mr. Force.* " Have we not already voted to Divide? "

*P.* " We voted to Divide the original motion, but the motion now is to Divide the motion to Postpone and instruct the secretary. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The question will first be taken on the part instructing the secretary to notify absent members. "

*Mr. Ellsworth.* " Mrs. President, I rise to a Question of Order. "

*P.* " Please state it. "

*E.* " In dividing the other question you proceeded to take the parts in their regular order. It seems to me there is more need of observing that plan now, because if the subject is not postponed it is idle to have absentees notified. "

*P.* " That may be true. But the motion contained two distinct propositions, and the Congress has voted to Divide. If the motion to Postpone should be first put and carried, we could not well proceed to a further consideration of the subject. The Chair will be obliged to overrule the Question of Order. Are you ready to vote? All in favor of instructing the secretary in accordance with the motion, will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. Are you ready to vote on postponement? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. " Are you ready to vote on the first part of the original motion? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \*

It is carried. The question recurs on the latter part of the original motion, namely, to appoint a committee of three to devise some other method of raising funds. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* All opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Chair will appoint as Committee on Entertainment: Mr. Whitney, Mrs. Whitney and Mr. Makepeace; as committee to devise some other method of raising funds: Mr. Mayo, Mr. Dutcher and Mr. Ellsworth."

*Mr. Reddy.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Reddy."

*R.* "I take pleasure in tendering the use of the Presbyterian Church for this entertainment."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "If the Congress desires it, the Unitarian Church is also at their disposal for that purpose."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Clearhead."

*C.* "I move that the thanks of the Congress be extended to both these gentlemen for their kind offers, and that we proceed to decide by ballot which to accept."

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to extend a vote of thanks for both of the kind offers, and to decide which to accept by ballot. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. Please prepare your ballots. Mr. Ellsworth and Mr. Force are appointed as Tellers. \* \* \* The Tellers will pass the ballot



boxes. \* \* \* Have all voted who wish? If so the ballot is closed. It is so ordered."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "We are ready to report, Mrs. President."

*P.* "Please give attention to the Tellers' report."

*Mr. Ellsworth reads:*

Whole number of votes.....16

Number for Presbyterian Church..... 9

" " Unitarian " ..... 7

*P.* "You have made choice of the Presbyterian Church."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "Please state it."

*M.* "We appointed a committee to get up an entertainment. Having left the matter in their hands, how can we take it from them by selecting a place of meeting?"

*P.* "The Congress clearly has the right to instruct the committee at any time. In the absence of instructions they are to exercise their judgment."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "I move to Reconsider the vote by which we selected the Presbyterian Church."

*Mr. Force.* "I second the motion, Mrs. President."

*P.* "It is moved to Reconsider the vote by which we selected the Presbyterian Church. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

*P.* "You will please state it."

*W.* "I think it is out of order to Reconsider a ballot."

*P.* "The Chair, after time to reflect, will be obliged to sustain the Question of

Order. The motion to Reconsider is of comparatively modern origin, and has its limitations. It would seem like too much of an innovation to Reconsider a ballot. To Reconsider the election of a person would be clearly out of order. It is to be presumed that you had some good reason for deciding to vote by ballot. It may have been because you wished to avoid showing a preference personally for either church. Whatever the object, you desired a secret vote. To entertain this motion would compel you to vote openly on a subject involving perhaps indirectly, the same question. The Chair must then rule the motion out, because it is irregular to Reconsider a ballot."

*Mr. Seymour.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Seymour."

*S.* "I move to Adjourn."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Adjourn. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Makepeace."

*M.* "I move that when we adjourn it be to next Thursday at 7:30 P. M."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is proposed that when we adjourn it be to next Thursday at 7:30 o'clock. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. Are you ready for the motion to Adjourn? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Congress is adjourned to next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock."

*For motions to Open and Close Nominations, to Excuse from Voting, and to take the Yeas and Nays, see Chapter X.*

# XVIII.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. J

1886, APRIL 1, 7:30 P. M.

\* \* \* \* \*

P. "By general consent, the minutes will be approved as read. It is so ordered. There is an item of unfinished business—consideration of the proposed amendment to the Constitution. The Secretary will read."

*Secretary reads:* "Mr. Culver moved to amend Sec. 2 of Art. III. of the Constitution by striking out the words 'and each alternate month thereafter.'"

P. "That is the question now before us. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. At our last meeting three Committees were appointed. Reports would be in order."

*Mr. White.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. White."

*Mr. White reads:* "Your Committee on Subscriptions would report that they have raised by subscription the sum of \$467.30. That amount has been paid to us in cash, and we hold the Treasurer's receipt for the same. The accomplishment of this work with such promptness is chiefly due to the perseverance and tact of the lady member of the Committee. The subscription list is hereto appended."

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,  
Chairman of Committee.

*Mr. Knight.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Knight."

*K.* "I move the report be accepted, and that the thanks of this Congress be extended to the committee, and especially to its most active member."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to accept the report and to extend thanks to the committee, and especially to its most active member. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney."

*Mr. Whitney reads:* "Your Committee on Entertainment would report that they have made arrangements for a literary and musical entertainment to take place at the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, April 9th, commencing at 8 o'clock. The tickets of admission will be 25 cents, and may be obtained of any member of the committee or at the news stand. Accompanying this report is a copy of the program for the occasion."

Respectfully,

JNO. E. WHITNEY,

F. WHITNEY,

E. M. MAKEPEACE,

Committee.

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Reddy."

*R.* "I move the report be accepted."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to accept the report. Are you ready to vote? All who favor will

say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opp  
 \* \* \* It is carried. There is s  
 committee to report."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President.

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "Your committee appoint  
 vise some other method of raising funds,  
 have had a meeting, but thus far have come  
 no agreement regarding a plan. We invite  
 suggestions. If the matter is to be left with  
 us we desire further time.

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I move we go into Committee of the  
 Whole to devise some plan of raising funds."

*P.* "As that subject has already been  
 referred, the Chair could hardly entertain  
 that motion."

*R.* "Then I would move, Mrs. President,  
 that the vote referring the subject to this  
 committee be reconsidered."

*P.* "The motion to Commit may not be  
 reconsidered."

*R.* "Excuse me, Mrs. President. I  
 move the committee be discharged from the  
 further consideration of the subject."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President, I second  
 the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that the committee  
 appointed to devise other means for raising  
 funds be discharged from the further con-  
 sideration of the subject. Are you ready to  
 vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \*  
 Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I move we go into Committee of the  
 Whole to consider plans for raising funds to  
 increase the library."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to go into Committee of the Whole to consider plans for raising funds to increase our library. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. Please nominate a Chairman."

*Mr. Goodenough.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Goodenough."

*G.* "I nominate Mr. White."

*P.* "Mr. White is nominated. Is there any other nomination to be made? If not, as many as favor Mr. White will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is a vote. Mr. White, you will please take the Chair."

*Mr. White takes Chair.*

*Chairman.* "What is the pleasure of the Committee?"

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. Chairman."

*C.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move we recommend that each member of the Congress contribute \$10 toward the library fund."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

*C.* "It is moved that we recommend that each member of the Congress contribute \$10 toward the library fund. Are you ready for the question?"

*Willie Reddy.* "Mr. Chairman."

*C.* "Mr. Reddy."

*R.* "I move to Lay on the Table."

*C.* "That motion is never in order in Committee of the Whole."

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. Chairman."

*C.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I am in favor of this motion"

because it is the easiest method  
funds now that several other  
exhausted.

\* \* \* \*

"Besides, having solicited subsc  
others, it is but fair that we oursel  
contribute."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mr. Chairman, I rise to  
a Question of Order."

*C.* "The gentleman will state the Ques-  
tion of Order."

*F.* "The gentleman has occupied his ten  
minutes."

*C.* "The time is not limited in Com-  
mittee of the Whole."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. Chairman."

*C.* "Mr. Ellsworth is entitled to the  
floor."

*E.* "I had just concluded my remarks,  
Mr. Chairman."

*C.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "I move the time of speakers in Com-  
mittee of the Whole be limited to five  
minutes."

*C.* "That motion is not in order."

*F.* "I offer it as an Incidental Ques-  
tion."

*C.* "It would not be in order even as an  
original question in Committee of the Whole.  
To accomplish the purpose it would be nec-  
essary for the Congress to instruct the Com-  
mittee."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. Chairman."

*C.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "I move the Committee now ad-  
journ. I mean rise, report progress, and  
ask leave to sit again."

*Willie Reddy.* "Mr. Chairman, I second  
the motion."

C. "It is moved that the Committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again. All in favor will manifest by a show of hands. \* \* \* Those opposed by same sign. \* \* It is lost."

Mr. Force. "Mr. Chairman."

C. "Mr. Force."

F. "I move the Previous Question."

Willie Reddy. "I second the motion, Mr. Chairman."

C. "It is moved to Close Debate."

Mr. Reynolds. "Mr. Chairman, I rise to a Question of Order."

C. "The Question of Order is apparent. The Previous Question is not in Order in Committee of the Whole."

Mr. Sloman. "Mr. Chairman."

C. "Mr. Sloman."

S. "I move To Postpone for one hour to enable us to consider other means before deciding."

C. "The motion To Postpone is not in order in Committee of the Whole."

Mr. Frost. "Mr. Chairman."

C. "Mr. Frost."

F. "I move to refer to a committee of three."

C. "The motion to Commit is not in order in Committee of the Whole."

Mr. Frost. "Mr. Chairman."

C. "Mr. Frost."

F. "Will the Chairman kindly inform us whether any motions are in order in Committee of the Whole."

C. "With the indulgence of the Committee, the Chair will comply with the gentleman's request. The only Privileged Question in order is the motion to Rise. The only Subsidiary Questions are Questions of



Order and Appeal, and amendments. The only Incidental Questions in common use in order in Committee of the Whole are to Divide, to Withdraw a Motion, to Open and Close Nominations, and to Read a Paper."

*Miss Culver.* "Mr. Chairman."

*C.* "Miss Culver."

*C.* "I move to Amend by adding to Mr. Ellsworth's proposition the following words 'either from his own purse exclusively, or in part from contributions of his friends.'"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

*C.* "It is moved to add to the resolution the words 'either from his own purse exclusively or in part from contributions of his friends.' Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mr. Chairman."

*C.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move we rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

*C.* "It is moved that we rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*The President takes the Chair.*

*P.* We will listen to the report of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole."

*Mr. White.* "Mrs. President, the Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the matter of devising other means for increasing our library fund, have had the subject under consideration and have made some progress. They ask leave to sit again."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Clearhead."

C. "I move the report be accepted, and that leave be granted the Committee to sit again as soon as we have considered the propriety of limiting the time allotted each member for making speeches in Committee of the Whole."

Mr. Reynolds. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "The motion is to accept the report, and to grant permission for the Committee to sit again, as soon as we have considered the matter of limiting the time for making speeches in Committee of the Whole. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will manifest by a show of hands. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is carried."

Mr. Reynolds. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Reynolds."

R. "I move that until otherwise ordered speeches in Committees of the Whole be limited to three minutes each."

Mr. Force. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "You have heard the motion to limit the time for each speech in Committees of the Whole to three minutes. Are you ready?"

Mr. Culver. "Mrs. President, I move that we now go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of that subject."

Mr. Reddy. "I second the motion, Mrs. President."

P. "It is moved that we now go into Committee of the Whole to consider the resolution offered by Mr. Reynolds. Are you ready to vote. All in favor will say 'Aye'. \* \* \* Opposed 'No'. \* \* \* It is carried. Will you nominate a Chairman?"

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I nominate Mr. Whitney."

*P.* "Are any other nominations to be made? \* \* \* As many as favor Mr. Whitney will say 'Aye'. \* \* \* Opposed 'No'. \* \* \* It is a vote. Mr. Whitney, will you take the chair?"

*Mr. Whitney takes the Chair.*

*C.* "The question before the Committee is the motion offered by Mr. Reynolds in the Congress, 'that until otherwise ordered speeches in Committees of the Whole be limited to three minutes.' What is your pleasure?"

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mr. Chairman."

*C.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "I move to amend by making it one minute."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

*C.* "It is moved to Amend by making it read one minute. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. Are you ready for the proposition as amended?"

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mr. Chairman."

*C.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I am opposed to the motion. The advantage of the Committee of the Whole is the freedom which it gives from the restraints of parliamentary law; freedom from motions for the Previous Question, to Lay on the Table, to Postpone, to Commit, to Repress, to Take the Yeas and Nays, to Suspend the Rules, to Reconsider, to Excuse from Voting, and freedom not only from these and some other motions, but from the limitations placed upon debate in the As-

sembly of which the Committee is composed."

C. "Are there any further remarks? All who favor the proposition will respond 'Aye.' \* \* \* Those opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. What is your further pleasure?"

Mr. Goodenough. "Mr. Chairman, I move the Committee rise."

Mr. Force. "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

C. "It is moved that the Committee now rise. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* The motion prevails. The President will resume her position."

*President takes the Chair.*

P. "We will now give attention to the report of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole."

Mr. Whitney. "Mrs. President, the Committee of the Whole have had under consideration the subject referred to it, and would recommend the adoption of the following:

"*Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered speeches in Committees of the Whole be limited to one minute each.'"

P. "What will you do with the report?"

Mr. Reynolds. "Mrs. President, I move its adoption."

Mr. Mayo. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to adopt the report. Are you ready to vote?"

Mr. Sloman. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Sloman."

S. "I confess I do not see through this

business, and it seems to me we are not proceeding in order. The first time we went into Committee of the Whole the Chairman decided that we could not limit debate without the action of the Congress. The Committee adjourned, or rather rose, and when a proposition was made in the Congress to limit debate it was referred to the Committee of the Whole. Then we went into Committee of the Whole to consider it, and a restriction was adopted. Now it seems we are not satisfied, but we must act upon it again in Congress. How long shall we see-saw in this way?"

P. "It is a rule of parliamentary law that debate shall be unrestricted in Committee of the Whole, unless by rule or vote of the Assembly the Committee is restricted. Action of the Committee is not final upon any subject, but is simply advisory. The Committee has no power to consider and report upon any subject which is not referred to it. You will observe we have had two Committees of the Whole—one to consider plans for raising funds, and one to consider the matter of limiting time in debate in Committee of the Whole. When the first Committee sits again it will be with the Chairman first elected. The second Committee having made a final report, that report is now before us for action. If it should not be adopted it will have no force. The question now before us is the adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole, recommending that speeches in Committee of the Whole be limited to one minute. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \*

The report is adopted. Pursuant to previous

vote we will now go into Committee of the Whole to further consider the subject of raising funds for our library. Mr. White will please resume the Chair."

*Mr. White takes Chair.*

C. "The resolution before us when the Committee rose was the amendment proposed by Miss Culver to the resolution offered by Mr. Ellsworth. The Clerk will please read."

*Clerk.* "The amendment offered was to add the words 'either from his own purse exclusively, or in part from contributions of his friends.' The resolution as amended would read as follows:

"*Resolved.* That each member of the Congress contribute ten dollars toward the Library fund, either from his own purse exclusively or in part from contributions of his friends."

C. "Are you ready to vote on the amendment? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The question recurs on the motion as amended. Are you ready. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Knight."

K. "I move we rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again."

*Mr. Force.* "Mr. Chairman, I second the motion."

C. "It is moved to rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The President will please take the Chair."

*President takes the Chair.*

*P.* "We will now listen to the report of the Chairman of the Committee."

*Mr. White.* "Mrs. President, your Committee to whom was referred the subject of raising funds for our library have had that topic under consideration. They have made some progress, and ask leave to sit again."

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move to accept the report."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to accept the report. Are you ready. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I move leave be granted for the Committee to sit again at our next meeting, immediately after the reading of the journal."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to grant the Committee leave to sit again immediately after the approval of the minutes at our next meeting. Are you ready. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. What is your further pleasure?"

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move the appointment of a Committee of three to have this Congress incorporated, or to organize a library association on a permanent basis, such Committee to report at our next meeting."

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "You have heard the resolution,

which the mover has in writing. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Chair will appoint as such Committee Mr. Reynolds, Mr. White and Mrs. Reddy. "

*Miss Whitney.* "Mrs. President, I move we adjourn to April 8th, at half past seven o'clock. "

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion. "

*P.* "It is moved to Adjourn to April 8th at 7.30 P. M. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Congress is adjourned. "

## XIX.

### COMPLICATIONS.

1886, APRIL 8, 7:30 P. M.

\* \* \* \*

*P.* "Reports of committees will be received if there is no objection. "

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President. "

*P.* "Mr. Whitney. "

*W.* "Your Committee on Entertainment are ready to make their final report. "

*Mr. Whitney reads:*

*To the Students' Congress:*

The undersigned, your Committee on Entertainment, herewith present our final report. We have settled up all accounts connected with the entertainment and the following is a statement thereof:



## RECEIPTS.

311 Tickets sold at 25c.....	\$77 75
Voluntary Contributions....	16 00
Total Receipts. ....	<u>\$93 75</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing Tickets.....	\$3 00
Carting Piano.....	2 00
Paid Treasurer.....	88 75
	<u>\$93 75</u>

Accompanying this report are two vouchers for the expense items. For the balance we hold the Treasurer's receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WHITNEY,  
F. WHITNEY,  
E. M. MAKEPEACE,

Committee.

Unionville, April 8, 1886.

*Mr. Whitney (continuing.)* 'I move the appointment by the Chair of a committee of three, to whom this report and all the financial matters up to date connected with the Congress shall be referred. '

*Mr. Makepeace.* 'Mrs. President, I second the motion. '

*P.* 'You have heard the motion for the appointment of a Finance Committee. Are you ready to vote?

*Mr. Reddy.* 'Mrs. President. '

*P.* 'Mr. Reddy. '

*R.* 'When the Congress was organized it was supposed we should handle little or no money, and so we provided no Committee on Finance. Although we all have the most perfect confidence that our business has been properly transacted I think the resolution is business-like and should be adopted. '

P. "Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Chair will name as the Committee Mrs. Reddy, Mr. Clearhead and Mr. Mayo."

Mr. White. Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. White."

W. "I am instructed to present the following report:

(Reads.)

*To the Students' Congress:*

- The undersigned, your committee charged with the incorporation of this Congress or the organization of a Library Association on a permanent basis, would report that we have given the subject due consideration and have prepared ready for filing articles of incorporation for the "Unionville Library Association," which articles accompany this report.

It seems to be the general impression that we have become so expert in the theory and practice of Parliamentary Law that it is impossible to get new members. For this and other reasons which are quite obvious it seems best that the library should be under the management of an organization with a different name. You will observe that the new organization will be under the management of the members of the "Students' Congress." Although the resolution empowered us to complete the work, we have thought best to present the papers with the recommendation that they be filed.

Respectfully,

HENRY J. REYNOLDS,

R. A. WHITE,

MRS. R. E. REDDY,

Committee.

*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "I move the adoption of the report."

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It has been moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The report is adopted. The Committee will please see that the papers are filed."

*Mrs. Reddy.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mrs. Reddy."

*R.* "Your Committee on Finance is ready to report."

*P.* "If there is no objection it will be received. It is so ordered."

*Mrs. Reddy reads:*

*To the Students' Congress:*

"Your Committee on Finance has examined the report of the Committee on Entertainment, and finding the same correct we recommend its adoption. We have also examined the financial affairs of the Congress from its organization to the present time and find everything correct. We find now in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$579.15."

Respectfully,

C. E. REDDY,

A. G. CLEARHEAD,

W. MAYO,

Committee.

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I move the adoption of the report."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. 'It is moved to adopt the report. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \*

\* \* It is carried."

Mr. Clearhead. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Clearhead."

C. "I move the adoption of the following:

*Resolved.* That the newspapers on hand belonging to the Students' Congress be given to the county hospital.

*Resolved.* That the cash, library, fixtures, and all other property of every description belonging to the 'Students' Congress,' except newspapers, be and by this resolution are hereby turned over to the Directors of the Unionville Library Association in trust for said Association, to be used and appropriated by it for the establishment and maintenance of a public library."

Mr. Frost. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Frost."

F. "I move to Repress."

Mr. Mayo. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Repress."

Mr. Whitney. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Whitney."

W. I move to Divide."

Mr. Frost. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Divide. Are you ready to vote?"

Mr. Reynolds. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Reynolds."

R. "I move to Adjourn."

Miss Whitney. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Adjourn. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Clearhead.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Clearhead."

C. "I move that when we adjourn it be to next Tuesday evening."

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved that when we adjourn it be to next Tuesday evening. All——"

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mrs. President, I rise to a Question of Order."

P. "Please state the Question of Order."

S. "We have not acted upon the motion to Adjourn."

P. "True, but the motion to Fix the Time for next Sitting has precedence. Are you ready to vote upon it? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.'"

\* \* \* It is lost. Are you ready for the question of adjournment? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.'"

\* \* \* It is lost. The question now recurs on the motion to Divide."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Frost."

F. "I move to take the Yeas and Nays."

P. "They cannot be ordered on an Incidental Question."

F. "I referred to the main question."

P. "Then the motion is not in order while the motion to Divide is pending."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Whitney."

W. "I desire to be excused from voting."

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I move to excuse Mr. Whitney, from voting."

*P.* "That too is an Incidental Question and is not in order while another Incidental Question is pending. Besides the gentleman cannot be compelled to vote unless the Yeas and Nays are taken."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "I move to Suspend the Rules which forbid the motion to Excuse from Voting at this time."

*P.* "That motion could be entertained only as an Incidental Question, and so would not be in order until the motion to Divide was settled. Even then it would not be in order because there is no rule which forbids the use of the motion to Excuse from Voting at such a time. It is a parliamentary principle, and that cannot be suspended. Are you ready to vote on the motion to Divide? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The resolution pertaining to newspapers will be first considered. That motion is pending together with the Subsidiary Motion to Repress. The latter motion will be voted upon before the former. Are you ready?"

*Willie Reddy.* "The motion to Repress was made before the motion to Divide was made. If it carries, will both of the resolutions be repressed?"

*P.* "No, the motion to Divide being carried, we first dispose of the first resolution and afterward of the second. When that comes up the motion to Repress will be connected with it. At present we have nothing to do with the second resolution. If a motion to Commit, to Postpone, to Close

**Debate, or to Lay on the Table should carry while we are considering the first resolution, it will have no effect upon the second resolution."**

*Mr. Knight.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Knight."

*K.* "I move to Amend by striking out the word 'hospital,' and inserting 'alms house and jail.'"

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* It is moved to Amend by striking out the word 'hospital' and inserting 'alms house and jail.'"

*Mr. Richardson.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Richardson."

*R.* "I move to strike out all after the word resolved."

*P.* "That would be the same as the motion to Repress, which is pending."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Knight."

*K.* "I move to amend the amendment by striking out the word 'jail.'"

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word 'jail.'"

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Makepeace."

*M.* "I give notice that if these amendments are defeated I shall move to have the newspapers go with the library."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Culver."

*C.* "I move to Lay on the Table."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Lay on the Table. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Whitney."

W. "I move to Adjourn."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Adjourn. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.'"

\* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The question recurs on the motion to Lay on the Table. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The question now recurs on the motion to Amend."

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Dutcher."

D. "I move to refer to a committee of three, to report at this meeting."

*Miss Whitney.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to refer to a committee of three, to report at this meeting."

*Mr. Seymour.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Seymour."

S. "I move to Amend by making it a committee of six."

*Mr. Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Amend by referring to a committee of six."

*Mr. White.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. White."

W. "I move to Amend by referring it to the Committee of the Whole."

P. "It is evident that to prevent complications we must divide the motion to Commit. The first question will be, Shall it be committed? Are you ready to vote?"



All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The next question will be, Shall it go to the Committee of the Whole?"

*Mr. Ellsworth.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Ellsworth."

*E.* "I move to Postpone for one week."

*Mr. Sloman.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Postpone for one week. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Firman.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Firman."

*F.* "I move to Close Debate on postponing."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Close Debate on the motion to Postpone. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* All opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Makepeace."

*M.* "I move to Lay on the Table."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Lay on the Table. Are you ready?"

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "I move to Take the Yeas and Nays."

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Take the Yeas and Nays. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

F. "I ask to be excused from voting on the question of tabling."

Mr. Culver. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Culver."

C. "I move Mr. Frost be excused from voting."

Mr. Force. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved that Mr. Frost be excused from voting on the question of tabling."

*Mr. Knight and Mr. Goodenough rise simultaneously, the former to a Question of Order, the latter to a Question of Privilege.*

P. "Mr. Goodenough will please state his Question of Privilege."

G. "I also desire to be included in the motion to Excuse from Voting."

P. "The Chair rules that that is not a Question of Privilege. Mr. Knight will please state his Question of Order."

K. "The point I make is that the motion to Excuse from Voting is not in order after the passage of the motion to Take the Yeas and Nays."

P. "There was no necessity for the motion until it was decided to Take the Yeas and Nays. The Chair must rule the motion in order."

Mr. Knight. "I appeal from your decision, Mrs. President."

Willie Reddy. "Mrs. President, I second the appeal."

P. "The question is, Shall the decision of the Chair be reversed? Are you ready to vote?"

Mr. Richardson. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Richardson."

R. "I move to Lay on the table."

*Mr. Culver.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Lay on the Table. Are you ready for the question?"

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "I move to Take up the Special Orders."

*Mr. Force.* "I second the motion, Mrs. President."

*P.* "Are there any?"

*F.* "Did we not vote to go into Committee of the Whole immediately after reading the journal?"

*Secretary.* "Mrs. President, that motion was lost."

*P.* "Then of course the motion is not in order."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President, I rise to a Question of Privilege."

*P.* Mr. Whitney will state his Question of Privilege."

*W.* "Our landlord informs me that as he has an opportunity to rent these rooms to a new tenant he will release us if we express the desire, immediately. As it would enable us to take rooms in the new block I move that we ask him to cancel our lease."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved that we request our landlord to cancel our lease. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move to Adjourn."

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Adjourn. Are you ready to vote?"

Mr. Ellsworth. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Ellsworth."

E. "I move that when we adjourn it be for one month."

Mr. Dutcher. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved that when we adjourn it be for one month."

Mr. Firman. "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Firman."

F. "I move in amendment that it be without date."

Mr. Culver. "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Amend by making it without date. Are you ready? All in favor of the amendment will please say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried.

"The question now is on adjourning *sine die* when we adjourn. All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried.

"The question now recurs on the motion that we now adjourn? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost.

"The question recurs on the motion regarding the cancellation of our lease. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried.

"We will now resume the consideration of the subject of the disposition of our newspapers which was interrupted by the Question of Privilege. The motion to Lay on the Table was the last made. Are you ready to

vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \*  
 Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried.

"The next business in order will be the consideration of the second resolution as offered by Mr. Clearhead. The Secretary will read it."

*Secretary reads.*

P. "Before dividing the resolution the motion to Repeal was entertained and that question is now before us. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The question recurs on the adoption of the resolution. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Dutcher.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Dutcher."

D. "I move to Take from the Table the motion regarding the disposal of our newspapers."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Take from the Table the motion relating to the disposal of our newspapers. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Secretary will read."

*Secretary reads the resolutions and the proceedings relating to it.*

P. "The Chair decided the motion to Excuse from Voting to be in order. From that decision an appeal is taken. The question is 'Shall the decision of the Chair be reversed?' Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. The decision of the Chair stands.

"The question recurs on the motion of Mr.

Culver to excuse Mr. Frost from voting on the motion to table. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried.

"The question recurs on the motion of Mr. Makepeace to Lay on the Table. Are you ready? The Secretary will call the Yeas and Nays."

*Mr. Mayo.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Mayo."

*M.* "I ask permission to withdraw the motion for the Yeas and Nays."

*P.* "Is there any objection?"

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Force."

*F.* "Can a motion be withdrawn after it is adopted?"

*P.* "Only by unanimous consent. We use this informality regarding Incidental Questions only. As there is no objection we will dispense with the Yeas and Nays. All in favor of the motion to Lay on the Table will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost.

"The question recurs on the motion to Postpone for one week, and on this question debate was closed. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost.

"The question of commitment is now in order. We had decided to Commit. It was proposed to refer to a committee of three. A committee of six was named and also the Committee of the Whole. The latter will be first considered. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost. All in favor of referring to a committee of six will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is

lost. All in favor of a committee of three will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.'

\* \* \* It is carried. The Chair will appoint as such committee, Mr. Dutcher, Mr. Clearhead and Mrs. Reddy."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Whitney."

*W.* "I desire to offer a motion to reach the ear of the Vice-President. I move the adoption of the following:

*"Resolved.* That the thanks of this Congress are especially due and are hereby extended to our President for the ability, dignity, and courtesy with which she has discharged the duties of her office."

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Vice-President, I second the motion."

*Vice-President.* "The question is on the adoption of the resolution just read. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will manifest it by a show of hands. \* \* \* Down. Opposed, if any. \* \* \* It is carried unanimously."

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move to adopt the following:

*"Resolved.* That for the purpose of making immediate disposition of our stock of newspapers, the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject."

*Mr. Knight.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "The question is on the adoption of the resolution. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The Secretary will read."

*Secretary reads unfinished proceedings regarding it.*

P. "As two amendments are pending the question will first be taken upon the one last offered, to strike out the word 'jail' from the first amendment. Are you ready to vote! All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried. The first amendment as amended is to strike out the word 'hospital' and insert 'alms house.'"

*Mr. Makepeace.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Makepeace."

M. "I move to Amend the amendment by striking 'alms house' and insert 'Unionville Library Association.'"

P. "It is moved to Amend the amendment by striking out 'alms house' and inserting 'Unionville Library Association.' Are you ready?"

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Frost."

F. "I move to Close Debate on the second amendment."

*Mr. Force.* "I second the motion, Mrs. President."

P. "It is moved to Close Debate on the second amendment."

*Mr. Whitney.* "Mrs. President."

P. "Mr. Whitney."

W. "I move to Close Debate on the whole subject."

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved to Close Debate on the whole subject. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried.

"The question recurs on the motion to Amend the amendment by striking out 'alms house' and inserting 'Unionville Library Asso-



ciation.' Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost.

"The question recurs on the first amendment as amended, namely, to strike out the word 'hospital' and insert 'alms house.' Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost.

"The question recurs on the motion to Reprass. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost.

"The question recurs on the original resolution. Are you ready to vote?"

*Mr. Frost.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Frost."

*F.* "I suppose this resolution is debatable?"

*P.* "No. We are under the action of the previous question."

*F.* "I move to Lay on the Table?"

*Mr. Force.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

*P.* "It is moved to Lay on the Table. Are you ready to vote? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is lost.

"The question recurs on the original resolution. Are you ready? All in favor will say 'Aye.' \* \* \* Opposed, 'No.' \* \* \* It is carried."

*Mr. Reynolds.* "Mrs. President."

*P.* "Mr. Reynolds."

*R.* "I move this Congress be now dissolved."

*Willie Reddy.* "Mrs. President, I second the motion."

P. "It is moved that this Congress be now dissolved. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will make it manifest by a show of hands. \* \* \* All opposed. \* \* \* It is carried unanimously. The Congress is dissolved."

THE END.

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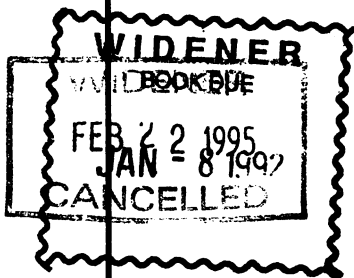
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